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¶ To the right honourable and his singular good Lorde, the Lord Darcey, W. W. wisheth a prosperous continuaunce in this lyfe to the glory of God, and a dayly preseruation in Gods feare to his endlesse ioye.

IF THERE HATH BIN at any time (Right Honorable) any meanes vsed, to appeale the wrath of God, to obtaine his blessing, to terrifie secrete offenders by open transgressors punishments, to withdraw honest natures from the corroption of euil company, to diminish the great multitude of wicked people, to increase the small number of virtuous persons, and to reforme all the detestable abuses, which the peruerse wit and will of man doth dayly deuise, this doubtlesse is no lesse necessarye then the best, that Sorcerers, Wizzardes, or rather Dizzardes, Witches, Wisewomen (for so they will be named) are rygorously punished. Rygorously sayd I? Why it is too milde and gentle a tearme for such a mercileesse generation: I should rather haue sayd most cruelly executed: for that no punishment can be thought vpō, be it in neuer so high a degree of torment, which may be deemed sufficient for such a diueliske

peliſh & dánable practiſe, And why? Becauſe al the imaginatiõs, al the cõſultatiõs, al the conferences, al the experimentes, finally all the attemptes, proceedinges and concluſions of Sorcerers, Witches, and the reſt of that helliſhe liuerie, are meere blaſphemers againſt the perſon of the moſt high God; and draw ſo neere to the nature of idolatrie (for they worſhippe Sathan, vnto whome they haue ſworne allegiaunce) that they are by no meanes to be exempted from the ſuſpition of that moſt accurſed defection, nay rather they are guiltie of apparaunte apoſtaſie, which is more heynous (conſidering the circumſtances of their ordinarie actions) then any treſpaſſe againſt the ſeconde table, which ouglye ſinnes of blaſphemie, and groſſe, or rather diueliſh idolatrie cõcurring in no malefactor ſo roũdly, as in ſorcerers, witches, Inchaũters &c. in whõ the meete with a millian of enormities more, as it were in a centre; the magiſtrates of forreinlandes, noted ſo preciſely, that weighing the qualitie of the cryme, they kept a due analogie and prõportion of puniſhmente, burning them with fire, Whome the commõn lawe of Englande (with more meaſure of mercie then is to be wiſhed) ſtrangleth with a rope. An ordinary fellon, and a murtherer offending againſt the morall lawe of iuſtice, is hanged. A Sorcerer, a Witch, (whome a learned Phiſitian is not aſhamed to auouche innocent, and the Iudges that denounce

Bodinus in confutatione

denounce sentence of death against them no better than hanginen) defying the Lorde God to his face, and trampling the pretious blood of that immaculate Lambe Iesus Christ most despitfully vnder feete, is fulfilled: the one dyeth on the gallowes, and so dieth the other: wherein doubtlesse there is a great inequalitie of iustice, considering the inequalitie of the trespasse, which deserueth death so much the more horrible, by how much the honour of God is eclipsed, and the glorye due to his inuiolable name most abhominably defaced, euen to the vttermost villanie that they can put in practise.

futilis opinionis Wiert; Lamias, lamiarumq; Veneficia asseruentis.

This I speake (Right Honorable) vpon a late viewe of tryall, taken against certaine Witches in the countie of Essex; the orderly processe in whose examinations, together with other accidents, I diligently obseruing and considering their trecheries to be horrible: I determined briefly to knit vp in a fewe leaues of paper, their manifolde abuses; and obtaining the meanes to haue them published in print, for that a number of memorable matters are here touched, to present the same vnto your Lordship, of whose gentle acceptation though I dooe not doubt, yet will I not be ouer bolde therupon to presume: but rather take the boldnes to [illegible] honours [illegible] of translation, that going abrode vnder couerte of your honourable name, the discourse maye seeme the

more

mendable, your lordship knowing the grounds of this whole booke to be true and infallible, and therefore the further off from feare of impugning. But supposing I have beene too tedious, and sparing to trouble your Lordship with multitude of words, I build upon hope, & so put forth my boate, praying the Lord here to bless your Honour, and all about you with the increase of his grace in this life, and with the presence of his diuinitie in the life to come. Amen.

Your Honours: to command. W. W.

¶ The xix. day of February the xxxiij. yeere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth.

The information of Grace Thurlowe, the wife of Iohn Thurlowe, taken before mee Brian Darcye the defend. yeere aboue ſaide, against Firſley Kempe alias Gery, as followeth.

THe ſaide Grace ſayeth, that about vij. moneths paſte, ſhe neere thether abouts, hir ſonne Daniell Thurlowe, beeing ſtrangely taken with ſwounding fittes, ſodainly fell into a traunce: Whiſſy Kempe alias Gery came vnto the ſaide Grace to ſee howe the childe did: At which time the childe lying vpon a bed in the chimney corner, there the ſaide Gerſley ſpake to hir the woman, ſaying, A good childe howe art thou lowſe with ſo much chylle and ache? and with ſpeeche thereof ſhee in ſhort ſpace the childe by the hande, ſaying, A good childe howe art thou ſobred? And ſo as her departure, ſhe ſtroke and prayed the ſaide Whiſſey to come againe vnto

her at night to helpe her. And thereupon the
the saide Chifley replied, and saide, I warrant
[illegible] shall doe well enough, for I
might is fell to rest, she which it did not of a long
time before. And the next day the said Grace
going to mille was by meeting the said Chifley,
[illegible] her howe her childe did, and shee said
shee tooke good rest that night, God be thanked,
I saide the said Chifley, I warrant thee it shall
doe well. Note that the palmes of the childes
handes were turned towards the backes should
bee, and the backe in the place of the palmes.
The said Grace saith also, that about three
quarters of a yeere agone she was delivered of a
sonne and childe, and saith, that shortly after the
birth thereof, the said Chifley fell out with her,
charging shee would not suffer her to have the
nursing of that childe, no such cause as the the
said Grace committed to worke at the Lorde
[illegible] : And saith, that the saide
[illegible] fell
[illegible] and
[illegible] fell
[illegible] and broke her necke,
[illegible] Whereupon the saide Chifley be-
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] touching the keeping and nursing of the
[illegible] the said Grace saith, that when there
[illegible] the said Wilfey came vnto her, and re-
[illegible]med to see her boy, saying to her that she had not the
keeping [illegible] of the said Grace, for that she an-
swered [illegible] as she was promised. And
thereupon they entred further into talke, the
said Grace saying, that if shee should con-
tinue [illegible] as shee had promised before, they
would finde the meanes to know how it
came, and if shee should creepe vnder her knees
to complaine of her at the Iustices vpon
them. And to that shee the said Wilfey said,
it were a good course. Wherefore (said Grace)
Wilfey, thou hast a naughtie name. And to
that Wilfey made answere, though shee could
bewitch her if shee could not watche, and so pro-
mised the said Grace, that if shee did send
for her presently, and send her keeper away,
that then shee would shew the said Grace, how
shee should watch herselfe openly when at a-
ny time.

And the said Grace further saith, that about
halfe a yeare past she began to haue a lameneſſe
in her knees, specially in her leggs, at which
time the said Wilfey came into her house and
about request. And said, she would helpe her of
her lameneſs, if she the said Grace would giue

her vil, pence, þ wherin the said Grace speaking
her fayre, promised her to rebe, and thereupon
for the space of .v. weekes after, she was well
in good case as shee was before. And then
the said Cliffey came vnto the saide Grace, and
asked her þ money she promised to her: whereu-
pon the saide Grace made answere, that shee
was a poore and a needie woman, and had no
money: & then the said Cliffey requested of her
cheese for it: but she said she had none. And then
the said Cliffey, seeing nothing to be had of the
saide Grace, fell vnto her, and said, that she
would lie euen with her: and ther vpon shee
was taken lame, and from that day to this day
hath so continued.

And she saith, that when she is any thing well
or beginneth to amend, then her childe is tor-
mented, and so continueth for a time: as a ver-
strange case, and when he beginneth to amend:
Then shee the saide Grace her mother is lame,
as without helpe shee is not able to arise, or re-
turne her in her bed.

The information of Annis Lecherdall, wife of
Richard Lecherdall, taken by mee Brian
Darcey Esquire, against Cliffey Kempe, &
as Grey the xix, day of Februarij.

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The said Annis saith, that before Michael-
mas last, she the said Tilley sent her sonne
to the said Letherdales house, to haue scour-
sand, and sent word by the said boy, ꝑ his mother
would giue her the dying of a payre of womens
hose for the same: But she the said Annis knowing
her to be a naughtie peart sent her none. And af-
ter she the said Tilley, seeing her gayle to carry
some to one of her neighbours houses, murmu-
red as the said childe said, & presently after her
childe was taken as it lay very bigge, with a
great swelling in the bottome of the belly, and
other pitiue partes. And the saide Annis saith, ꝑ
about the tenth day of Februarie last shee went
vnto the said Tilley, and tolde her that shee had
been sonne with a cunning boye, which saide, ꝑ
she the said Tilley had bewitched her childe: To
ꝑ the said Tilley answered, that shee knewe shee
had not so been, and so talking further she said,
that she would lay her life that she the said An-
nis had not been with any: whereupon shee re-
quested a woman being in the house a spinning
with the said Tilley, to beare witnesse what shee
had said. And the next day the childe was in
most pitifull case to behalde, whereby shee
thought it good to carry the same vnto mo-
ther Ratcliffe, for that shee had some experience
of her skill. The which when the said mother

Ratcliffe did see, there sodenly vpon the same sharpe
that shee wounded thee thoughe one is dead, and
yet shee ministred vnto it.

The enformation of Thomas Rabbet, of the
age of xiiij yeres or thereabouts, base sonne
to the said Alley Kempe *alias* Grey, taken
before me Brian Darcey esquire, one of her
Maiesties Iustices, the xxv day of February,
against his said mother.

The saide Thomas Rabbet saith, that his
said mother Alley kempe alias Grey hath
foure severall spirites, the one called *Tyffin*, the
other *Fitzey*, the third *Pygme*, & the fourth *Jacket*
& being asked of what colours they were, saith,
that *Fitzey* is like a little grey Cat, *Tyffin* is
like a white lambe, *Pygme* is black like a Toad,
and *Jacket* is black like a Cat. And hee saith, hee
hath seen his mother at times to give the sayd
to drink and of a white Loffe to Take to eate,
and saith that in the night time the said spirites
will come to his mother, and sucke blood of
her vppon her pappes, and other places of her
body.

This Examinat being asked, wherefore he
had seene Newmans wife to come into his mo-
thers sight, that one morning he being in the
house

her with his mother, his Godmother Newman came into her, and saith, that then she heard her and his mother to chide, and to fall out: But saith before they parted they were friends: and that then his mother delyuered an earthen pot into her, in the which he thinketh her spirites were, the which she caried away with her under her apron.

And this examinat saith, that within a fewe dayes after the said Newmans wife came vnto his mother, and þ he heard her to tel his mother that she had sent a spirit to plague Johnson to þ death, and an other to plague his wife.

The enformation of Ales Hunt, taken before me Brian Darcey Esquire, the xxiiii. day of February, against Joan Pechey widdow.

This examinat Ales Hunt saith, that shee dwelleth in þ next house vnto þ said Joan Pechey, & þ the the said Joan two or three dayes before Christmas last, went to þ house of Johnson þ Collector appointed for þ poore, where as he þ said Joan receiued perte of bread, the which this Examinat saith, she hearde to bee of the gift of þ said Brian Darcey). And this examinat saith that she þ said Joan going homewardes, murmured & found great fault at Johnson, saying, he might haue giuen that to a gyrle of another,

and not to her, saying, that her ab was so hard be-
hind for her, and that shee then seemed to her in
a great anger therewithall. This examinat
saith, shee was at that present in the house of the
saide Hunt, and that there was but a wall be-
tweene them. The saide Joan comming to her
house did unlocke her doore, the which this exa-
minat did see her doe: And after shee was en-
tred into her house, this examinat saith, she hard
the saide Joan to say, yea sir a you sh sa vile? are
you so bolde? you were not best to bee so bolde
with mee. For if you will not bee ruled, you
shall have Sir Reynolds sonne, yea saide she saide
Joan, I perceive if I doe giue you an inch, you
you will take an ell and saith she is assured that
there was no christian creature with her at that
time, but that she vsed those speeches vnto her
Imps.

And this examinat saith, that she hath heard
her mother say, that she the said Joan was ex-
ceeding full and cunning in witchcrafte, and could do as
much as she said mother Barnet. This examin-
ate mother, or any other to this knowledge of
Ds. And further saith, she hath heard her mo-
ther to say, that the saide Joan did hurte [illegible]
[illegible] in any mans house in Cheapeside.

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The information of Margerie Sammon[illegible] wife
to the saide Ales Hunt, taken before mee
Brian Darcey Esquire, the xxv. day of Fe-
brvarie against the said Ioan Peachey as fol-
loweth.

The saide Margerie sayth, that she hath borne
the saide Hunt to say, that the saide
Ioan Peachey should say that shee could tell
what any man sawe or did at any time in their
houses, when & as often as shee listed: and sayth,
that the saide Hunt did tell her that she
hath borne the saide Ioan Peachey, being in her
house, her in often to chide and brabble speak-
ing as though there had been some bodys pre-
sent with her: And sayth, that shee went to see
to whome she saide Ioan should speake, but shee
founde no bodie but her selfe all alone: And say-
eth, that shee she saide Ioan Peachey was with
this examinates mother, mother Barnes, the
day before shee departed, where this examinate
left them together: while shee went home to her
maisters house, to doe her businesse and worke.

The information of Iohn Tendering of Saint
Olaues, taken before me Brian Darcy esquire,
the xxvi. of Februarie 1582.

[illegible] John sayth, that William Byerde [illegible] occasion to come to this examinate, sayeth, that after they had conferred and talked, [illegible] Byrd did declare to this examinate, That, that morning he did tell him that he had a Cow to have lien two dayes or longer in a strange case, and had eaten nothing, and was like to dye, so that he and his servants [illegible] whether they were best to cause her to arise or not: whereupon he the said examinat, that he have aused his said servants to fetch straw, and so lay the same round about her: And that he himselfe tooke an Axe, minding so to knocke her upon the head, and so to burne her. And said that the fire being kindled, the said Cow of her selfe started up, and ran her way until it came to a wood stack, and there stood still, and felt a biting of flies, bigger then a mans finger, and after lived and did well.

The confirmation of Pebey Hunt, daughter in [illegible] Alee Mine, of the age viii yeeres or there abouts, taken before mee Brian Darcy esquire, the xvi day of Februarie anno [illegible]

The sayd Pebey sworne, sayth, That shee hath seen her mother to have two little thinges like

houses, the one white, the other blacke, the which shee kept in a little lowe earthen pot with mold, colour white and blacker: and that they stoode in her chamber by her bed side, and saith, that shee hath seene her mother to feede them with milke out of a blacke crooning pitche, and this examinat being carried after this confession by the Constables to her fathers house, shee shewed them the place where they stood and the bowle that covered them: Also this examinate chalke out the dishe, out of which they were fedde, from among all many other dishes. Item this examinat did also confesse that her mother had charged her not to tell any thing what shee had seene: And if shee did those things would take her; and this examinate saith, that her mother did send them to Haywards of Fyndicke, but to what end shee can not tell. Item shee being asked howe she knewe the same, saieth, that shee hard her mother bid them to go.

The enformation of William Hooke Painter, taken before me Brian Darcy esquire, the xxiiij. of February, against Alce Newman.

THis examinate William Hooke saith, he dwelleth in the next house unto Alce Newman, & saith, that he hath heard William Newman her husband to say unto his wife, she was

tolde the cause of her husbandes great miserie and
wretched state, and sayeth, that when the saide
Ales woulde giue her husbande any meate to eate,
then presently he the saide Williams saith to his
wife, doest thou not see? doest thou see? whereun-
to this examinate sayeth, that he hath heard the
saide Ales to say, if thou seest any thing, giue it
some of thy meat. And saieth further, that he hath
heard the saide William Newman bid the saide
Ales his wife to beare it away.

The enformation of Elizabeth Bennet, taken by me Brian Darley esquire, the xxiiii. day of Februarie 1582, against Ales Newman.

The sayde Elizabeth saieth, that shee neuer
sent any spirite to plague Johnson or his
wife, neither knew shee mother Newman to haue
sent any of her spirites to plague him or his wife,
shee this examinate for her part sayeth, shee was
greatly beholding to the sayde Johnson and his
wife. But denieth that euer shee sent any spirit
to paine him and his wife: or that shee knewe mo-
ther Newman to haue hurt them. But this ex-
aminate saieth, that shee being at sundrie times
moued to spinne, he being a clothmaker, or vpon
shee hath many times wrought. At which time mo-
ther Newman being come thither, shee this exa-

minate

[illegible] saith she hard the saide mother Rebecca to desire Johnson to giue her xii d. saying I doe [illegible] lay sicke, whereunto shee heard him [illegible] answere that her mother gaue her [illegible] penie: that that her daughter answered, [illegible] more then he had receiued, saying, he was a poore man, and had [illegible] wife and [illegible], and that he was [illegible] for the getting of his liuelihoode, saying that [illegible] could not helpe her, with any: but if he had [illegible] more money, whereupon shee departed, and vsed some harde speeches vnto him, and seemed to be much angrie.

The examination & confessiō of Vrsley Kempe alias Gray, taken at S. Osees, and brought before me Brian Darcy esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices of the peace, the xx. day of Februarie 1582.

Condemned.

THe saide Vrsley Kempe sayeth, that about [illegible] yeeres paste, shee [illegible] examinate was troubled with a lameness in her [illegible] and for vse thereof came to one Cockes wife of Attleby, now deceased, who [illegible] examinate that shee was bewitched, and [illegible] her entreate her to [illegible] her [illegible] And had her owne [illegible] burnt and [illegible]

[illegible]

and put the string vnder and holde them in her left hand, and to take in her right hande a knife, and to prycke the mentioned three times, and then to take the same knife, and to take the said knife & to make three pryckes under a table, and for the knife sticke there: & after that to take three leaues of sage, and as much of brede (all this herbe grace) and put them into ale, and drinke it all at night and first at the beginning, & that shee taking the same, hee ease all her sickenesse.

The saide examinate saieth, that one Gaynes wife, and one Grapes wife, being either of them saide examinates neighbours, shee being requested and sent for to come vnto them, went vnto them. And saieth, that shee hearing them to bee bewitched, and at their desires ministred vnto them the foresaid medicine, whereupon they had speedie amendement.

The saide Brian Duree, when promising to the saide Archer, that if shee would deale plainely and confesse the truth, that shee should haue fauour: & so by giuing her faith that shee shee confessed as followeth.

The saide Elsley sayeth, and weeping, fell vpon her knees, and confessed that

shee

[illegible] spirits, whereof three of them came
[illegible] and were likely to have been
[illegible] and willed to search, and
[illegible] there were a peculiar mark,
[illegible] also
to destroy cattell.
[illegible] being asked by what
[illegible] she called the Elfe spirits, and
[illegible] of things as yet to come, shee not
confesseth, and further, that she was called *Tyffin*,
being a hee, and is like a grey Cat: the second
called *Pedder*, also a hee, and is like a black Cat;
the third is called *Pig*, being a shee, and is like
a blacke *Toad*, the fourth is called *Tyffin*, being
a shee, and is like a white lamb.
[illegible] being further asked, which
of the saide spirites shee sent to punish
[illegible]
and sayeth, that shee sent *Tyffin* to punish the
lowes wife, and *Pigen* Letherwalls Childe.
[illegible]
[illegible] shee sent the spirite backe to plague
her, for whether shee had called her
witche.

about the same houre, and said that shee her selfe by reason thereof was in a great sweate. And this examinate confesseth, that shee caused the same Newmans wife, to send a spirite to Thoylowes wife, to plague her where that thought good, &c.

The said Lethervals childe (being a woman childe) at the time of this examination, appeared to bee in most pitious sort consumed, and the yuine and hinder parces thereof, to be in a most strange and wonderfull case, as it seemed to the eye honest women of good iudgement, and not likely to liue and continue any long time.

Note also that it is specially to be considered, that the saide childe being an infante and not a yeere olde, the mother thereof carrying it in her armes, to one mother Ratcliffes a neighbour of hers, to haue her to minister vnto it, was to passe by Tirley this examinates house, and passing by the windowe, the Infante cryed to the mother, woo, woo, and pointed with the finger to the windowe wardes: And likewise the child vsed the like as shee passed homewards by the said windowe, at which she confessed her conscience moued her, so as shee went shortly after and talked with the said Tirley, whereby

vpon thee vsed suche speeches as moued her to complaine.

The seconde confession and examination of Vrsley Kemp, take the xxi. day of Februarie.

The said Vrsley, being committed to the ward & keeping of the Constable that night, vpon some speeches that shee had passed, said, that shee had forgotten to tell M. Darcey one thing, whereupon the next day she was brought before Brian Darcey, & the second time examined, who confessed and said.

That about a quarter of a yeere last past, one Ales Newman, her nere neighbour came into this examinates house and fel out with her, and said shee was a witche, and that shee would take away her witcherie, and carrie the same vnto M. Darcey: But this examinate saieth, shee thought shee did not meane it, but after they had chidden they became friendes, and so shee departed carying away with her, her spirites in a pot, as this examinate sayth.

And shee further sayeth, that about Christmas last, shee went to the said Ales Newman, and declared to her that Thorlows wife and shee were fallen out, and prayed the saide Newmans wife,

to

to sende the spirite called *Tiney*, vnto her to plague the sayde Thozlowes wife, where that thought good: The which this examinate saith, shee did, and at the returne of the saide spirite it tolde this examinate, that it had punished Thozlowes wife vpon her knee. And then it had a reward by sucking blood of this examinate, and so returned as shee saith to the said Ales Newman.

This examinate saith, that about three meaneches past, shee and one John Stratton fell out, and the saide John called her whore, & gaue her other euill speeches, wherevpon this examinate sayth, that shortly after shee sent her Boy for spices vnto the wife of the said John. But shee sayeth, shee sent her none, wherevpon this examinate sayeth, shee went into the said Newmans wife, and tolde her of the falling out between Stratton and her, and requested the saide Newmans wife, to sende *Iacke* the spirite vnto Strattons wife to plague her, ỳ which the said Ales Newman promised this examinate to doe the nexte night, as this examinate saith shee did: And the spirite tolde this examinate when it returned, that it had plagued her in the backe euen vnto death: and the spirite did sucke of this examinate vpon the left thigh, the which when she rubbeth (shee saith) it will at all times bleede.

And shee sayeth that then the spirites weare turne to the sayde Newemans wife agayne, and had the like rewarde of her as shee shyn-sheth.

This examinate sayeth, that about Friday was seuennight beeing about the vtenth of February, shee went vnto the said Ales Newman, and did shewe her that one Letherdalls wife and shee were fallen out, and sayth, that shee prayed her to lende one of the spirites vnto her younge chylde: whereunto shee the sayd Ales answered well, she would: and this examinate saith, that at that time shee coulde haue no longer talke with her, for that her husband was then present in the house: and this examinat saith, that the said Ales sent the spirit *Pigin*, to plague ꝑ said child where that thoughe good, and after that it had sucked of this examinate, shee saith it returned to the saide Newmans wife, and more at that time the saide examinate confessed not.

The third examination & confession of Vrsley Kempe alias Gray, taken before me Brian Darley esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices of the peace, the xxiiii. day of Februarie.

This examinate, being asked how she knewe the said Elizabeth Bennet to haue two spi-

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rites, saith, that about a quarter of a yeere past, she went vnto mother Bennets house for a messe of milke, the which shee had promised her: But at her comming this examinate saith shee knocked at her doze, and no bodie made her any answere, whereupon shee went to her chamber window and looked in therat, saying, ho, ho, mother Bennet are you at home? And casting her eyes aside, shee saw a spirite lick vp a clothe lying ouer a doge, looking much like a Feerie. And it beeing asked of this examinate why the spirite did looke vpon her, shee saith it was hungrie.

This examinate, beeing asked howe shee knewe the names of mother Bennets spirites, saith, that *Tyffon* her spirite did tell this examinate that shee had two spirites, the one of them like a blacke Dogge, and the other redde like a Lyon, and that their names were *Suckin* and *Lyerd*, and sayeth that *Suckin* did plague Byettes wife vnto death, and the other plagued three of his Beastes whereof two of them vpen, and the third leyer sire or drooping, & not likly to liue: Byette caused his folkes to make a fire about her: The Cowe feeling the heate of the fire, starte vp and ranne her way, and by that occasion was saued.

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This examinate saieth, that about the fourth of Nouember last, shee went to the house of William Hunt to see howe his wife did, and shee beeing from home, shee called at the chamber window and looked in, and then espied a spirite to looke out of a pothanger from under a clothe, the nose whereof beeing hooked like vnto a Ferret. And saieth, that the same night shee asked *Tyffin* her white spirite, what Hunters wiues spirite had done: And shee it told this examinate, that it had killed Hey wards of Frowicke sixe beastes which were lately dyed of the gargette. And saieth, that her sayde spirite tolde her, that Hunters wiues spirite had sucked vp her blood for a reuarde: but shee saieth, that shee asked not her spirite vpon what place of her body it was.

This examinate saieth, that one Nichell a shoomaker of Saint Olees did tell her, that he thought that Glascockes wife had bewitched his Childe, wherevpon it dyed: Wherevpon shee this examinate saieth, that shee went home, and asked *Tyffin* her white spirite, whether the same were so: whiche tolde this examinate, that shee had bewitched the sayde childe, and sent one of her spirites to plague it to the death.

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And sayeth also, that the sayde Glascockes wife did bewitche the Base childe that Page and his wife haue in keeping, and that her sayde spirites telled her so. And being demaunded, howe many spirites Glascockes wife had, and by what names shee called them, this examinate sayeth, that shee asked not her spirite *Tyffin* any such questions.

This examinat sayeth, that the sayde Elizabeth Bennette did sende her spirite *Suckin* to plague one Millingall, whereof hee languished and dyed, beeyng sicke of an impostume.

This examinate sayeth also, that the sayde Elizabeth sente the sayde spirite to William Milles his wife to plague her, wherof shee languished many yeeres and dyed.

This examinate sayeth, that the sayde Elizabeth (not aboute three weekes sithence) sente her spirite *Lyerd* to plague Fortunes wife and his childe.

This examinate sayeth, that the sayde Elizabeth did sende her spirite *Lyerd* to Bonners wife to plague her, the whiche her sayde spirite, tolde this examinate to bee done vpon the knee.

This examinate saith further, that Ales Newman [illegible] vnto Johnson hauing Collectour

by the poore, and did require him to giue her xii. d. for her husbande whiche was sicke. But hee answering her that he had disbursed more money then hee had collected, saying, therefore hee coulde not then helpe her with any: The sayde Newemans wife fell out with him very angerly, and the next day after sent one of the spirites that shee had from this examinate to plague the saide Johnson and his wife vnto the death: And that her spirite called *Tyffin* did tell the same vnto her, and shee beeing asked what woordes the sayde Newemans wife vsed to Johnson vpon the falling out, sayeth, that shee asked not her said spirite.

This examinate sayeth, that Newmans wife beeing at Butlers, and asking a peece of meate, was denyed thereof: whereat shee went away mourmuring; And then shortely after sent one of her spirites to punishe him vpon the backe: The whiche *Tyffin* her sayde spirite, telleth this examinate was done, whereof hee languisheth and is greatly payned.

This examinate being asked, whether her white spirite called *Tyffin* did euer at any time tel her any vntruths, or whether she haue found it at any time

time to tell any thing contrary to truth, saith, that the saide spirites did euer tell her true in any matter shee required of it, and saith, that shee neuer knewe it to tell her otherwise then truth.

This Exam. being asked, whether she sent any of her spirits to plague or punishe Iohn Stractons childe, confesseth and saith, that the spirites which plagued Stractons wife to the death, did also punishe the saide Stractons childe, saying, that the saide childe shoulde not complaine thereof vntill the mother were departed.

Note, it is to bee considered, that the saide Vsley Kempe in this her confession hath vttered many thinges well approued and confessed to bee most true: And that shee was brought thereunto by hope of fauour.

The Examination and confession of Ales Newman, taken before mee Brian Darcie Esquire, the xxi. of February.

Condemned.

This examinat saith, that shee went vnto the house where the saide Vsley Kempe alias Grey dwelt, and entred into communication with her, and that they fell out greatly: and confesseth that shee saide vnto the saide Vsley

that she knew her to be a witche, but denieth the
reuiue of ꝑ speeches alleadged by the said Ely-
dey against this Examinat.

The said Brian Darcey finding this examinat to bee obstinate, and that shee coulde bee brought to confesse nothing, said to this Examinat, that hee woulde seuer and part her and her spirites a sunder, nay sayth shee this examinat, that shal ye not, for I will carry thē with me, and holde being taken of her wowes, after some distance, she added (if she haue any.)

The enformation of William Bonner, taken before me Brian Darcey Esquire, the xxiiii. day of February.

THe said William Bonner saith, that ꝑ said Elizabeth Bennet and his wife were louing and familiar friendes, and did accompanie much together: and saith that since Candlemas last his wife hath complained of a lameness in her knee, and that sithence also shee hath been much troubled. And saith also that not ten daies past the saide Elizabeth Bennet being with his wife, shee hauing suffered and long troubled, the saide Elizabeth vsed speeches vnto her, saying, a good woman ho w thou art loden, & then clasped her in her armes, and kissed her: Wherup-

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and heauily aboue her lippe. Her lippe swelled & was very bigge, and her eyes much sunked into her head, and shee hath vtter sight ence in a very strange sort.

Vpon the saide enformation made by Vrsley Kempe, *alias* Grey, against Elizabeth Bennet, I Brian Darcey directed my warrãt for her apprehẽsiõ, whereupõ she was brought before me the said Brian, whose confession being taken the 22. day of February.

Condemned.

The saide Elizabeth Bennet being charged with the foresaid information, denieth the same in generall, & after many and sundry demãds being asked, whether she had not a pot or pitcher of earth standing vpon a shelfe in her house & wood in the same, to the which finally she saide two spirites did resorte & speake with many others, saying, that she was better then she had ben, which, when it was told her, & it be proued to your face, what will you say to all the other matters you haue ben charged with, are they true? To that she made answere & sayd yea: Then was the pot brought before her, the which she then confessed to be her pot, but denied that there was any of them, that talked with her, but only Elizabeth as she

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will haue fauour confesse the truth. For this is, there is a man of great cunning and knowledge come stait lately into our Countries Maiestie, which hath aduertised her what a company and number of Witches be within England; whereupon I and other of her Iustices haue receiued Commission for the apprehending of as many as are within these limites, and they which doe confesse the truth of their doings they shall haue mercy but the other they shall bee hanged and burned. At which speeches shee the saide Elizabeth falling vpon her knees distilling teares confessed as hereafter followeth.

Saying, that one William Byet dwelt in the next house vnto her three yeeres, saying, In the first yeere they did agree reasonably well, but ere the second yeere passed they fell out euery day and oftentimes both with this examinat & her husbande, Byet calling her oftentimes olde trot and olde witche, and did haue auoutrie with this Examinat and her Cattell, to the which this examinat saith, that shee called him knaue saying, winde it vp Byet for it will light vpon your selfe, and after this falling out this examinat saith, that Byet had three beastes dyed whereof hee seeing one of them somewhat young, hee did beat the saide Cowe in such sorte, (as this

Examinat

Examinat saith, that shee thoughteche said Colin did die thereof.

This examinat saith further, that Pyets wife did beate her Swine seuerall times with greate Pybets, and did at an other time thrust a pitchforke through the side of one of this examinats Swine, the which Durrant a Butcher did bute, and for that when hee had dressed it, it prooued A measell, this Examinat saith, shee had nothing for it but receiued it againe, &c.

This examinat saith also, that aboue two yeeres past there came vnto her two spirits, one called *Suckin*, being blacke like a Dogge, the other called *Lierd*, beeing red like a Lion, *Suckin* this examinat saith is a hee, and the other a shee. And saith, on a time as this examinat was comming from mill, the spirite called *Suckin* came vnto her and did take her by the coate, and helde her that shee could not goe forwarde nor remoone by the space of two houres, at the which (this examinat saith) she was much amased, and shee saith, that the spirite did aske her if she this examinat would goe with it: Whereat shee this examinat saide, In the name of God, what art thou? Thou wilt not hurt mee, at the which speeche it said no, & this Examinat saith, that shee then prayed deuoutly to Almighty God to deliuer her from it: at which time the

spirite

did depart from her vntill shee had gone a good way, and being come within xxx. or xl. roodes of her house, this examinat saith, that the said spirite came againe vnto her and tooke her by the coates behind, & held her fast, whereat this examinat saith, that she desired God to deliuer her frō that euill spirite, and then that did depart to the Well. And this examinat saith, ỳ within one houre after, the same same spirite came againe vnto her she being a sifting of her meale, & saith, the same remained with her vntill she had laied her leauen, and then departed.

The saide examinat saith, that the next day shee being a kneading of her bread, the said spirite came againe vnto her, and brought the other spirite with it called Lierd, and that one of them did aske her why she was so snappish yesterday, to that this examinat saith, that shee made answere, I trust I am in the faith of God, and you shall haue no power ouer mee, at which wordes this Examinat saith, the saide spirites departed.

Then shee this examinat saith, that shee beeing a making of a fire in her Ouen, the said spirits came againe vnto her, and tooke her by the legge, this examinat feeling it to take her by the leg saith she said, God and the holy Ghost deliuer me from the euill spirites, at which woordes

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this examinat saith, that the said spirites did de-
part to her thinking.

But this examinat saith, that within halfe
an houre after she hauing a fier fork in her hãd,
and beeing a stirring of the fire in the Ouen,
the spirit (called Suckin) came vnto her & tooke
this examinat by the hippes, and saide, seeing
thou wilt not be ruled, thou shalt haue a cause, &
would haue thrust this examinat into ỳ burning
Ouen, & so had (as this examinat saith) but for
the foresaide forke, but this examinat striuing
and dooing what shee coulde to her vttermost,
the saide spirite burnt her arme, the which bur-
ning is apparaunt and euidently too bee
seene, and when it had thus doone it did de-
part.

And this Examinat saith, that about a mo-
neth after or more, shee beeing a walking in a
croft neere vnto a Barne called Heywoods
Barne, the spirite called Suckin came and fol-
lowed this examinat, she spying the same as she
looked backe, at the sight thereof this examinat
saith, ỳ her eies wer like to start out of her head:
then she saith ỳ she did beseech God to gouerne
and guide her from the euill spirites, whereup-
on shee saith they did depart.

But the same euening she this examinat being
set a milking of a red Cowe with a white face,

saith,

saith that *Sathan* and *Lucifer* came againe vnto her, and saith that *Sathan* appeared at that time in the likenesse of a blacke beagle, and *Lucifer* in the likenesse of a Boare, the one hering on the one side of her, the other on the other side of her vntyll she left those parers. And saith, that the Cowe then was then a milking of, tooted and came away, and brake her paile and spilt al her milke, neither could she get the said Cow any more that night to stand still, and saith, that for the losse thereof her husband did much chyde her, but she denyed to tell him what was the cause: and for praying to the father, the sonne, & the holy ghoste, saith that they did depart, and that shee saw them not a quarter of a yeere after, nor aboue three times since Midsommer last.

The said exam. saith, that about that time they appeared againe vnto her, and saith that a little before there was a falling out betweene her and the said Dyer, whereupon and for that Dyer had entreated vnkindly her this examinat. and her Cattell, her saith, that shee called Dyers ill will ment of a Lion to goe & to plague the said Dyer & his ment vnto death, and the spirit returning told this examinat that it had plagued two of his beastes, the one a red Cow, the other a blacke, And saith that the spirite told

tolde her, that hee plagued the blacke Cowe in the backe, and the read Cowe in the head.

This Examinate saieth further, that aboute Whitsontyde last past, the spirit called *Suckin*, did come againe at that tyme vnto her, sayeing to this Examinate, that hee had mette Byettes wife two seuerall tymes, tellyng this Examynate, that it mette her once in this Examinates yarde, and the next day after it sayde, that it met her at the style, going into her grounde: And saieth it tolde this Examinate, it had plagued said Byets wife to the death. She this Examinate saying it was done by the spirite, but not by the sending of this Examinate. The sayde spirite sayeing; I knowe that Byet and his wife haue wronged thee greatly, and doone thee seuerall hurtes, and beaten thy swyne, and thrust a pytchforke in one of them, the which the spirite sayde to haue doone, to winne credit with this Examinate.

And this Examinate saieth further, that aboute Lammas last past: For that the sayde William Byet had abused her, in calling her olde trot, old whore, and other lewde speaches, shee this Examinate, caused the spirite, called *Suckin*, to goe and plague the sayde Willyam Byette where that woulde: The which the sayd spyrite did, and at the retourne of it, it

tolde this Examinate, that it met Byet in the barne yarde, and that it had plagued him in the hippes, euen vnto death: And saith she gaue it a rewarde of mylke: and saith, that many tymes they drinke of her milke bowle. And being asked how shee came by the sayde spirites, she confessed and sayde, that one Mother Turner did sende them vnto her to her house (as shee thinketh) for that she had denyed the sayde Mother Turner of mylke: And when, and as often as they did drinke of the mylke: This Examynate saith they went into the sayd earthen pot, and lay in the wooll.

The Examynation and Confession of Annis Glascocke, wife of Iohn Glascocke, sawyer, taken before me Bryan Darcey Esquyre, the xxiiii. of February.

THis Examinate beeing charged by Mychel the shoomaker, that a woma, sometymes fellowe with her in the house, shoulde repoyte her to bee a naughtie woman, and a dealer in witcherafte, denyeth that she knewe anye such woman, or that any such speaches were vsed vnto her.

This Examinat being charged that one sparrowe being lodged in her house, shoulde heare a straunge noise or rumbling since Christmas last,

laſt, ſaith, that ſhe made a noyſe by remouing of boards one night for that ſhe woulde haue him to lye in an other chamber.

This Examinate ſaith alſo, that long ſithence ſhe dwelt by the ſpace of one quarter or more with her brother Edward Wood, and that at ſeueral tymes in that time certain leddē weights and great ſtones were caſt into the houſe, and diuers ſtraunge noyſes of rumblinges heard: the which weights & ſtones came alwayes neereſt one Arnoldes head, being then a boorder in that houſe, and ſaith that Arnoldes wife was accompted a witch: And was ſuſpected to cauſe the ſame ſtones to be caſt, to the intent to driue her huſband from boording there being in Jelouſie of this Examinate: She being at that tyme not aboue the age of xx. yeares.

This Examinate ſaith, that by many yeares paſt ſhe was much troubled with ſtraung aches in her bones, and otherwiſe: wherof ſhe conſumed by the ſpace of two or three yeares: And ſaith, ẏ ſhe was told, that about Sudbery there dwelt one Herring (named to bee a Cawker) to whome ſhe went, who declared to this Examinate, ẏ ſhe was haūted with a witch (naming Arnolds wife) And that ſhe ſhould not eſcape death wout ſhe had ſome remedy, wherupon this examinat ſaith, ẏ ſhe prayed ẏ ſaid Herring to helpe

And that hee then deliuered vnto her a liele lynnen bagge of the breadth of a groate, full of ſmall thinges like ſeedes, and willed her to put the ſame where her payne was moſt, the which ſhee proued by ſtwing it vppon her garmente, neare the place where her greefe was: And after a while this Examinate ſaieth, ſhe recouered, and was well.

This Examinate denyeth that euer ſhe hurt the baſe Childe, which Pages his wife kept, or that there was anye falling out betweene this Examinate and her: And ſayeth, that ſhee knoweth not, whether the ſayde Childe bee a baſe Childe or not.

This Examinate beeing charged, that ſhee ſent a ſpirite to plague Michell, the ſhoomakers Childe, or that ſhee had bewitched the ſaid Childe, denyed that ſhee had doone eyther of both. And ſhe being aſked, whether ſhe euer fell out with one Fortune or his wife, or whether ſhee hurt any of their children, ſaieth, that there was no falling out betweene them, or that ſhee hurt any of his Children.

Annys Letherdall and Margaret Symp-ſon women appoynted, to ſee and view the bo-dy of this Examinate: ſayde, and affyrme vp-pon their credites, that vpon the left ſide of the thighe of this Examinate, there be ſome ſpots,

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and vpon the left shoulder likewise one of two: Which spottes bee like the sucked spots, that Ursley Kempe hath vppon her bodie.

This Examinate and the sayde Ursley Kempe alias Greye, being brought before mee face to face, the sayde Ursley then charged this Examinate to haue plagued and punyshed Mychelles Childe, whereof it dyed: And also Foxes wiues Childe, whereof it languyshed. At which speaches this Examinate vsed outragious woordes, calling the sayde Ursley whore, saying, shee would scratch her: for shee was a Witch, and that shee was sure shee had bewitched her: For that shee coulde not nowe weepe.

The Confession and Examynation of Alce Hunt, the Wife of Willyam Hunt, taken before me Bryan Darcey Esquyre, the xxiiii. of February.

The sayd Alce Hunt beeing asked, whether there was anye falling out betweene this Examinate, and Maywarde of Fewbyrke, or his Wyfe: latelye, there was none: But whether shee had cause to be beeholding vnto them saying, that Maywardes wife did chastened her Childe. And she being charged to haue a spot

in a potharde, which Ursleye Kempe had seene, denyed that shee had anye such, or that shee had plagued Haywardes Cattell with that or with any other spirite.

This Examinate being asked, if she neuer did feede her spirits with mylke out of a lyttle trenyng dishe, sayde no: the which dyshe was brought by the Constable from her house, and then shewed to this Exampnate, the which shee denyed to bee her dyshe, or that she had any such in her house.

This Examinates warrant beeing made, and to her read, and shee committed to the Counstable to be carryed to the Gaile, desired to speake alone with mee the saide Bryan Darcey: whereupon I wente into my Garden, and this Examinate followed mee, shee then falling vppon her knees with weeping teares, confessed and sayde, that shes had within vi. dayes before this examination, two spirits, like vnto little Coltes, the one blacke, and the other white: And saith she called them by the names of *Iacke* and *Robbin*: And that they tolde her, that the sayde Ursleye Kempe would be wrayd her this Examinate, and willed her therefore to shift for her selfe. And so they went from her. And sithence this Examinate saith shee saw them not.

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This Examinate saith, that her sister (named Margerie Sammon) hath also two spirites like Toades, the one called *Tom*, and the other *Robbyn*: And saith further, her sayde Syster and shee had the sayd spyrites of their Mother, Mother Barnes: who departed out of this world within xii. dayes before the taking of this examination.

The Examination and confession of Margery Sammon, taken before mee Brian Darcie Esquire, the xxv. of February.

THe sayde Margerie Sammon, sister to the sayde Ales Hunt, daughter to one mother Barnes lately deceased, (which mother Barns was accompted to bee a notorious Witche) saith, that shee remayned at home with her mother by the space of halfe a yeare, and saith shee was with her mother seueral times, when shee laye sicke, and also at the houre of her death: But denyeth the hauing of any spirites of her sayd Mother, or that her mother had any to her knowledge.

The said Margery ꝑ night being cõmitted to ꝑ ward & keeping of ꝑ counstable, and the next day brought before mee the saide Bryan in the presence of her sister Ales Hunte, And beeing charged by her sayde Syster to haue

two spirites like toades, giuen her by her mo-
ther at her death, vtterlye denyed the same say-
ing, I defie thee, though thou art my sister,
saying she neuer sawe anye such: At which
speaches her sister taking her aside by the arme,
whyspred her in the eare: And then presen-
lye after this Examinate with great submission
and many teares, confessed that she had two spi-
rites delyuered her by her mother, the same day
shee departed. And that shee this Examinate ca-
ryed them awaye with her in the euening, they
beeing in a wicker basket, more then half full
of white and blacke wooll: And that she asking
her mother what shee should doe with them, she
bad her keepe them and feede them: This Exa-
minate asking wherewithall: her mother an-
swered, if thou doest not giue them mylke, they
will sucke of thy blood: And sayeth, she called
them by the names of *Tom* and *Robbin*. And
this Examinate beeing asked how often she had
giuen them meate sithence shee had them, saieth
and confesseth, that she fed them twise out of a
dyshe with mylke: And beeing asked when shee
fed them last, this Examinate sayde, vppon
Tuesday last past before this examination, and
that with mylke.

This Examinate sayeth also, that when shee
tooke them of her mother, shee sayde vnto her,

if thou wilte not keepe the said spirits, then send them to mother Pechey, for I know she is a Witch, and will bee glad of them. And saith further, that shee hearing, that Ursleye Kempe was apprehended, and fearing that shee shoulde bee called in question, saieth thereupon shee tooke the saide spirites beeing in a basket, and in the euening weute into the grounde of her Maister, and so into Reads grounde, and bad them goe to the sayde mother Pechey: At which woordes they skypped out of the said basket, and weute before this Examinate, sheer this Examinate sayeing, all euill goe with you, and the Lorde in heauen bleese mee from yee: And sayeth, shee mygbte see the sayde spyrites goeing towarde a barred style, goeing ouer into Howe lane: And when they came at the style, shee saieth, they skypped ouer the same style and wente the readye waye to mother Pecheyes house: And saieth shee verilye thinketh the sayde mother Pechey hath them.

The Examination and confession of Ioane Pechey widdowe, taken before mee Brian Darcie Esquire, the xxv. of February.

This Examinate Joan Pechey beeing aſked how olde ſhee was, ſaith, ſhee is threeſcore yeares and vpwardes: And ſaith that ſhee hath dwelt in the Towne of S. Oleys aboue xl. yeares: And ſaith ſhe knew Mother Barnes, and ſhe knewe her to bee no witch, or that ſhe euer heard her to bee accompted, or to haue ſkill in any witchery. And ſhe being aſked whether ſhee was with her when ſhe lay vpon her death bed, ſaith that ſhe was not.

This Examinate alſo denyeth, that ſhe hath or euer had any Puppettes, Spyrites or Maumettes: Or that ſhee had any Spirites, which ſhe bought, or were conueyed vnto her by Margerie Barnes, or ſent by any other ſithence the death of Mother Barnes.

This Examinate alſo denyeth, that euer ſhee ſayde to any of her neighbours, or to any other perſon in ſecrete ſorte or meerely, that ſhe knew or could tell what any man in the Towne at any time dyd or ſayed, when ſhe her ſelfe liſted, or would know.

This Examinate ſaith, that ſhe neuer vſed any of thoſe ſpeaches, which Ales Hunte hath enformed againſt her, As yea art thou ſo ſawſie: art thou ſo boulde: thou were not beſt to bee ſo bould, for if thou beiſt, thou ſhalt haue Simonds ſauce.

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This examinate being asked, what she thought of the sodaine death of Johnson the Collector, saith, he was a very honest man, and dyed very sodainly: And saith she heard, that one Lurkin shoulde saye, that hee heard Johnson to saye, that Mother Newman had beewitched him. And beeing asked of whome shee heard it, shee aunswered shee coulde not tell: And sayth that shee her selfe neuer vsed anye harde speaches against the sayde Johnson.

This Examinate beeing charged to haue willed her Sonne Phillip Barrenger, beeing of the age of xxiii. yeares to lye in bedde with her, denyeth that shee had so doone, other then shee had willed him at some tymes to lye vppon the bedde at her backe.

But the saide Phyllyppe beeing examined, confesseth and saith, that manye times and of late hee hath layne in naked bed with his owne mother, being willed and commaunded so to doe of her.

This Examinate beeing asked, whether she had any Cat in her house, sayth that shee hath a Kyttyn, and a little Dogge. And beeing asked, what coulour the Kyttyn was of, shee this Examinate sayed she could not tell, saying yee maye goe and see.

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The Information of Iohn Sayer one of the Conſtables of Thorpe, taken before mee Bryan Darcey Eſquyre, one of her maieſties Juſtices againſt Als Manfielde, the xiii. daye of March.

The ſaide Iohn ſaieth, that aboute one yeare ſithence hee had a Thetcher, which was a thetching of a barne of his, neere Mother Manfieldes houſe, and that then ſhee the ſayde Ales came vnto the Thetcher, and would haue had him to thetche ouer an ouen of hers, wherunto this Thetcher made aunſwer and ſayde, hee woulde doe it, if his mayſter woulde let him, but els hee woulde not doe it, whereunto ſhee ſayde, hee had beene as good as to haue willed you to doe it. For I will bee euen with him. And hee ſaieth, that within a while after, hee had occaſion to come by the houſe of the ſayde Ales Manfielde with his carte, well neere three quarters loaden, and beeing before her doore vppon the harde grounde: ſaieth, his carte ſtoode, that hee coulde not make it goe forwarde nor backwarde, by the ſpace of one howre and more: The which he ſaieth, hee thought to bee doone by ſome witcherie, which the ſayde Ales Manfielde then vſed.

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The Information of Robert Sanneuet, taken before me Brian Darcey Esquire, one of her M. Iustices the xiiii. of March.

THe sayde Robert saieth, that aboute xb. yeeres past, ther dwelt with him the daughter of Elizabeth Ewstace, and that for some lewde dealynges, and behauiour by her doone, hee saieth, hee vsed some threatning speeches vnto her, beeing his seruaunt: And that shortlye after shee wente home to her sayde mother, and telled her of her maysters vsing of her: And the nexte daye hee saieth, as hee was a sitting by his fire side, his mouth was drawne awrye, well neere vppe to the vpper parte of his cheeke: whereuppon hee sayeth, hee sent presentlye to one of skill to come vnto him, who came vnto him, And that hee seeing him in that case, tooke a lynnen cloath, and couered his eyes, and stroake him on the same side with a stronge blowe, and then his mouth came into the right course: and hee sayeth that hee willed this Examinate to put awaye his seruaunt, and that out of hand: the which he saieth he did.

This Examinat saith, that iii. yeres sithence his brother Crosse was taken verye sickly, and as synnes was without any remembrance, & that he sent for this Examinat, & when he came vnto

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him, hee tolde him that Margaret Ewſtace had bewitched him, and brought him into that weak ſtate hee then was at: Wherto this Examinate ſaith, that if that bee ſo, hee then wiſhed a ſpyt red hotte and in her buttocks, which ſpeaches of his, hee ſayth was carryed by one then in the houſe vnto the ſaide Mother Ewſtace, and this Examinate ſaith, that ſhee ſeeing a neighbour of his going towardes this Examinates houſe, aſked her whether ſhee was going, and ſhe anſwered vnto this Examinates houſe: Whereunto ſhe the ſayd Mother Ewſtace ſhould ſay, naye goe not thyther, for he ſaith I am a witch: And ſayed, his wife is with Childe and luſtie, but it will bee otherwiſe with her then hee looketh for: Whereuppon this Examinate ſaith, that his wife had a moſt ſtraunge ſickneſs, and was deliuered of childe, which within ſhort time after dyed.

This Examinate ſaith, that the Sommer after he milked vii. milche beaſts, and that al that ſommer many and very often tymes, his ſayde beaſts did giue downe blood in ſteede of milke and that hee had little, or no profit by them: And hee ſaith that about iiii. moneches after many of his hogges did ſkippe and leape aboute the yarde in a ſtraunge ſorte: And ſome of them dyed.

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The Information of Vrsley Kemp alias Grey, taken at Colchester by Thomas Tey and Brian Darcey Esquires, two of her M. Iustices the ix. of March.

THis Examinate beeing charged that shee shoulde repoꝛte to seuerall persons that haue comen vnto her, sithence her impꝛysonment, that Ales Newman shoulde send a spirit to plague the late Loꝛde Darcey, wheꝛeof hee dyed: And shee being asked, whether shee sated so, saith shee sayed, that *Tyffyn* her white spirit tolde her that Ales Newman had sent a spꝛyte to plague a noble man, of whome we (meaning the pooꝛe) had all relieſe: The which she saith she tooke to be the said Loꝛd Darcey, And other wise she sayed not.

The Information of Rychard Rosse of little Clapton, taken before mee Bryan Darcey Esquyre, agaynst Henry Cilles and Cysley his wife, the i. day of March.

THe sayd Richard saith, that about vi. yeaꝛs past, the sayd Henry Cilles wꝛought with this Examinate in husbandꝛy many and seueral times, & saith ẏ at one time he the said Henꝛy being at plough in ẏ̄ said Richardes ground with his plewgh of hoꝛses, they being as well and as likely to any mans iudgement, as any mens hoꝛse

horſe thyght be when they beganne to worke: yet before they had gone twiſe or thriſe aboute the lande, two of his lykeſt horſes fell downe in moſte ſtraunge wiſe, and dyed.

This Examinate ſayeth, that a little before he had denyed the ſayde Cillys of two buſhels of maulte, which ſhe would haue had for three ſhillings, but he helde it at tenne groates. And ſayeth further, that within a whyle after the ſayde Cyſleye Cyllis did come vnto this examinates wife, bryngyng with her a poke, and deſired to buye a buſhell, or a buſhell and a halfe of maulte of her, or as much as her bag would houlde: But for that thee the ſayd Cyſley would not giue her her price, ſhee departed without hauing anye, vſing many harde ſpeaches at that time: whereupon they fell out.

This Examinate ſaieth alſo, that his wife finding Cylles his cattell in his grounde, did hunt thē out therof, which Cylles his wife ſeeing, was thereat in a great anger, and gaue her lewd ſpeeches, & ſaith that preſently after, many of his beaſte were in a moſt ſtraung taking: the which he doth ſay, to be wrought by ſome witchcraft, or ſorcery by ꝑ ſaid Hēry or Cilly his wife.

This Examinate ſaieth, that about xii. monthes & more paſt, a barn of his ſtāding in his grouñd, a good way of frō his dwelling houſe ꝙ

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much corne therein, was in a most soveine sorte fired and burnt? But (hee saieth) hee cannot charge the said Henry or Tysley his wife, to bee the doers thereof, other then the youngest sonne of the saide Henrie and Tisley, should say there is a goodly bezle of corne, and a man unknowen should answere there was the diuell store.

The enformation of Henrie Sellys, sonne of the saide Henrie, taken before mee Brian Darcey Esquire, the saide day and yeere.

The saide Henrie saieth, that hee is of the age of ix. yeeres, and that sithence Candlemas last, one night about midnight, there came to his brother John a spirite, and tooke him by the left legge, and also by the litle Toe, which was like his sister, but that it was al blacke: at which time his brother cryed out and said, Father, Father, come helpe mee, there is a blacke thing hath me by the legge, as big as my sister: whereat his father said to his mother, why thou whore cannot you keepe your impes from my children? whereat shee presently called it away frō her sonne, saying, come away, come away. At which speech it did depart.

This examinat saieth, that the next day hee told

tolde his mother hee was so afraid of the thing that had his mother by the legge that he swett for feare, and that he coulde scarse get his shirt from his backe: his mother answering thou lyest, thou lyest wholesonne. This Examinat being asked, wherewith hee had seene his mother to feede her Imps and wherein, hee saith, ỳ she fed them out of a blacke dish, ech other day with milke: and saith, that he hath seene her to carry it vnto a heape of wood and hoome standing vnder a crab tree by the house, and being asked what their names were, he saith, that one of them is called by two names which is Herculus, sothe hons, or lacke, & that is a blacke one, & is a hee, and the other is called Mercurie, and is white, and is a shee: and that their eyes bee like vnto goose eyes, and saith, that he hath seen his mother to remoove foure Hoome fagots, and so to creepe into the crabtree roote, whereas they stand and lye vpõ a fleese of wooll. And this Examinant saith further, ỳ the same night Rolfe his maide was taken: when his father came home, his mother told him her husbande, that she had sent Herculus to Rolfe his maister and he answered, yee are a trim foole. This examinat saith, that as hee and his mother were comming (they being in Rolfe his Hoomefield) she said vnto him, take heed ye say nothing.

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The information of Iohn Selles the youngeſt ſonne of Henry and Cyſley, taken before mee Brian Darcey Eſquire, the third day of March.

THe ſaid Iohn Selles ſaith, that he is about the age of vi. yeeres iii. quarters, & ſaith, ẏ one night there was a blacke thing like his ſiſter, that tooke him by the legge and that hee cried out, ſaying, father, father, come helpe me and defende mee, for there is a blacke thing that hath me by the legge: at which he ſaith, his father ſaid to his mother, ye ſtinking whore what meane yee? can yee not keepe your imps from my children? & beeing aſked what colour they were of, & what they were called, he ſaith, that one is black, & another is white, & ẏ he hath harde his mother to call them Imps, & that they haue eyes as big as himſelfe: and he ſaith, ẏ his father bad his mother put them away or els kill them. And ſaith, ẏ a while ſithence his mother deliuered thē to one of Colcheſter (he thinketh his name is Allevon or Glaſcocke) and ſaith ẏ Allevōs wife had a cap to vaile of his mothers, and ſaith, that they were carried away in a baſket at that time. And beeing aſked, whether his father or mother bade him that hee ſhoulde ſaye nothinge, hee ſaieth, that his mother

mother ſaid vnto him that hee ſhould goe before: a gentleman, and willed him to take heed he telled no tales nor lyes.

He ſaith, that his father called one of them, which is the blacke one, Iohn, which he ſaid his father mocked him becauſe his name was ſo: And his mother called ꝑ white one an Impe. He ſaith he hath ſeene his father to feede them out of a blacke diſh with a woodden ſpone, and ꝑ he knoweth the ſame diſhe, & the laſt time he fed them it was behinde the Bromeſtacke at ꝑ crabtree. And hee ſaith, that the man which carried them away gaue his mother a penne, and that when ſhe ſhould goe to him ſhe ſhould haue another pennie, hee ſaith at that time his mother was from home at one Gardeners houſe.

And being aſked, whether euer hee ſawe his mother to feede them, he ſaith, that he hath ſeene his mother to feed them twiſe, and that out of a diſh with a ſpone with thinne milke.

Note alſo, it is to be conſidered, that there is a ſcarre to bee ſeene of this examinats legge where it was taken, and alſo the naile of his little Toe is yet vnperfect.

The information of Ioan Smith wife of Robert Smith, take before mee Brian Darcey Eſquire, the ſaid day and yeere.

The said Joan saith, that one holy day in the after noone sithence Michaelmas last, shee had made her selfe readie to goe to Church, and tooke in her armes her young childe & opening her doze, her mother (grandmother to the child) one redworths wife, and Selles his wife were at the said doze readie to draw the latch, shee this examinat telling her mother she was comming out of dozes to Churchward: whereat the grand mother to the child, tooke it by the hand & shoke it, saying, a mother pugs art thou comming to Church: And Redworthes wife loking on it, said, here is a iolie & likely childe God blesse it: after which speeches, Selles his wife saide, shee hath neuer the mozе childzen foz that, but a little babe to play wall foz a time. And she saith within shozt time after her said childe sickned and died: But she saith ẏ her cõscience wil not serue her, to charge the said Cysley oz her husband to be the causers of any suche matter, but prayeth God to forgiue them if they haue dealt in any such sozt. &c.

The examination and confession of Henrie Selles and Cysley his wife, taken before mee Brian Darcey Esquire, the first day of Marche.

The said Henry saith, that he hath wrought in husbandry by some long time past with

Richard Rosse of litle Clapton, and ẏ one time he being at plough, two of his horses vpon a sodaine fell downe and were in most strange taking, but what the occasion should be thereof (he saith) he knew not. And saith, ẏ he doth not remẽber ẏ he would haue had any mault of the saide Rosse at his price, or ẏ there was any falling out betweene thẽ: and denieth ẏ his childe cried out vnto him, saying, father come helpe me, or that he called his wife stinking whore: and denieth all the residue of the matters in generall enformed against him, &c.

Condemned.

The said Tyley his wife saith, that she doth not remẽber ẏ Rosse his wife did at any tyme hunt her catell being in her ground, or ẏ shee vsed any hard speeches to his wife thereupon, or ẏ shee fel out for ẏ she could not haue any mault at her price: but she saith at one time she met Rosse his wife, & that there was some talke betweene them, the which shee doeth not remember more then that the saide Rosses wife saide, I shall see at your ende what you are. And being asked if shee knewe not mother Tredsall, shee saith shee knew her, but she denieth, ẏ she saide if she were a witche, she learned the same of the saide mother Tredsall: and denieth that her childe cryed out

so out in the night to his father, and all the re-
stone of ꝑ matters ingeneral enformed against
her.

Ales Gilney, Joan Smith, and Margaret
Dinsdon women of credite, appointed by mee
Brian Darcey, to view and see the body of the
saide Tysley, say, that shee hath vpon her body
many spots very suspitious, and the said Mar-
garet saith, that they bee much like the sucked
spots, that shee hath seene vpon the body of Ty-
sley Kempe and seuerall other.

The enformation of Ales Baxster seruãt with
Richarde Rosse, taken by mee Brian Dar-
cey Esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices
of the peace, the xix. day of Marche.

THE saide Ales saith, that about Hallamas
last past about foure of the clocke in the
after noone, shee went a milking into her ma-
sters grounde two closes of from the house, and
that she had eight or niene beastes to milke, and
saith ꝑ after she had milked all but one, and as
shee was a milking of that one, before shee had
halfe done, the Cow start and stroke downe her
paile, and that shee saw all the rest to make
a staring and a looking about: And shee

ſaith as ſhee was a making an ende of milking of that Cowe, ſhee felt a thing to pricke her vnder the right ſide, as if ſhe had been ſtriken with ones hande, and ſhe ſaith that after, as ſhee was going homewardes with her milke neere the ſtyle in the ſame cloſſe, there came a thinge all white like a Cat, and ſtroke her at the hart, in ſuch ſort as ſhee could not ſtand, goe, nor ſpeake, and ſo ſhe remained vntill her ſaid maſter & two of his workmen did carry her home in a chaire: ſhe ſaith, ſhe ſaw the ſaid thing to go into a buſh by the ſtyle, & that ſhe knew not her maſter when he came vnto her.

Robert Smith ſaith, that about Hallamas laſt paſt he wrought wᵗʰ Richard Roſſe, and that about .v. a clocke was called by the ſaid Roſſe to helpe him to fetch home his maid, & going then with him they found the ſaid Ales his maide ſitting leaning againſt the ſtile, & in ẏ caſe as ſhe could not ſtand, go, nor ſpeake, and ẏ he and one other with their maſters helpe tooke her vp and brought her home in a chaire.

The information of Henrie Durrant, taken by mee Brian Darcey Eſquire, one of her Maieſties Iuſtices of peace, the 26. day of March, againſt Ales Hunt.

THe ſaid Hẽry Durrãt ſaith, ẏ about the ſecond day of this preſent month, he went to Colcheſter

chester to appeare before the Iustices there to bee bounde from killing of flesh, and after that hee had so done he saith, that he went with seueral of his neighbours vnto the Castle, to see the witches that were committed thether, at which time he saith, he talked with Vrsley Kemp alias Gray, who then tolde him after some demaunds which hee vsed vnto her, that Ales Hunt and her mother (the widow Barnes) had bewitched his daughter, whereof she dyed, saying, that because they were denied of a peece of Porke at suche time as they came for it, therefore they were offended with you: and saieth further, that hee doth remember that they came vnto him and woulde haue had a peece of Porke, the which for that it was newly dressed, and somewhat whot, he made them answere that he woulde not cut it out.

The enformatiō of Richard Rosse and others together, with the confession of Henrie Selles and Cisley his wife.

The examination and confession of Ales Manfield, taken at Thorpe, and brought before me Brian Darcey esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices, the xiii. day of March.

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Condemned.

The saide Ales Manfelde saieth, that shee is of the age of three score and three yeeres or there aboutes, and that about xii. yeeres sithence one margaret Greuell came vnto this examinat and saide, that shee shoulde goe out of her house yshee dwelt in vnto another house in the towne: And then telled her that she had foure Impes or spirites the whiche shee woulde not carrie with her to that house, for feare they shoulde be espied or seene, and prayed her this examinate that shee would keepe them, and also telled her what they would doe for her (saying shee should haue them vpon condition that shee the sayde Margaret might haue them at her pleasure; otherwise shee should not haue them) and with what, and howe shee shoulde feede them, and at her desire and request shee sayth that shee was contented to keepe them: And thereupon shee sayeth it was concluded and agreed betweene her and this examinate, that shee the sayde Margaret shoulde haue them as often and as many times as shee would at her pleasure, and that then shee receiued them.

This examinate being asked, what names they were called by, and of what likenes, saieth that one of thē was called *Robin*, an other *Iack*, the thirde *William*, the fourth *Puppet* alias *Ma-*

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wer, & that two of them were hees and the other two were shees, & were like vnto blacke Cats, and sayeth that she kept them in a boxe with woll therein: And ẏ they did stand vpõ a shelfe by her bed where she lay. This examinate saith also, ẏ ẏ said Margaret Grauel hath commen vnto her many & oftẽ times sithence ẏ saide agreemẽt betweene thẽ made, & according to ẏ said condition hath receiued of this examinat ẏ said imps or spirits: shee this examinat being telled of her sometimes wherfore she would haue thẽ, & that sometimes she knew by asking ẏ said imps or spirits where they had bin, & what they had done when they returned againe vnto her. And being asked how oftẽ & whẽ to her remẽbrãce, she this examinat saith, about 7. yeres since ẏ said mother Grauel came vnto this examinate & told her ẏ Chestons wife & she were fallẽ out, & had chiddẽ very much: & that she gaue her euill speeches, whereupon shee requested to haue ẏ spirit *Robin* to go to plague his beasts: & thẽ lẽt it, which said when it returned, ẏ Cheston being at plowe leauing worke, ẏ it had plagued a bullocke of his ẏ was well liking & luftie, wherof it should pine & die.

This examinate saith, that the saide Margaret Greuell, well neere two yeres after, sent her spirite *Iacke* to goe to plague Cheston, vpon the great Toe vnto the death.

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This Examinate saieth, that when it returned it tolde her that it had plagued the saide Chelton vpon the Toe euen vnto death, and that it had sucked blood of the saide Margrettes bodie, and that besides it had of her Beere and Breade for the labour: and saith, that shee this examinate gaue it Beare and Breed then also for telling of her.

This examinate saith also, that fiue yeeres past or there abouts, her spirit *Robin* tolde her that Margarette Greuell had sent the saide spirite vnto her husband to plague him, where of he pined about halfe a yeere and more, hauing by that meanes many and seuerall straunge sores, and thereof died. And this Examinate saith that, that hee would eate as much or more then two men would doe, and that it sucked blood vpon the bodye of the saide Margaret for the labour: she this examinate being asked vpõ what place, saith the saide spirite did not tell her.

This examinat saith, that on a time she went vnto the house of Joan Chelton widow, and desired of her to giue her some Curdes: but shee sayeth shee gaue her none, wherevpon she saith, that shee sent her Impe *Pupper* alias *Mamet* to plague her Beastes, where that would, and so it did: And that when the saide Impe returned, it tolde this examinate that it had plagued

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foure of her Beastes with lamenesse, and that it did sucke blood vpon this Examinates body for a reward.

This examinate sayth, that about two yeres past, one John Sayer did fetch doung out of an Orchard, from a pittes banke, neere this examinates house, and did by reason thereof, gulle a greene place before her dooze, whereupon shee saieth, shee sent her Impe called *Puppet* alias *Mamet* to stay the Carte being before the doze, the which it dyd, and shee saieth that shee sawe him and others to lift at the wheeles, and to set his hauser rope, the which did litle good, and that the same hauser rope and other of his horse harnesse burst a sunder, and shee saieth, shee gaue her said Impe Beere for the labour.

This examinate saieth, that litle before Michaelmas last, her saide foure Impes saide vnto her, saying, I pray you Dame giue vs leaue to goe into little Clapton to Celles, saying, they woul de burne Barnes, and also kill Cattell, and shee saith, that after their returne they tolde her that they had burnt a barne of Rolles with corne, and also tolde her that Celles his wife knewe of it, and that all they foure were fedde at Cels house by her all ye time they were away frō this examinate, wch shee sayeth was about a seuennight: And that *Puppet* sucked vpon this examinates

examinates left shoulder at their returne vnto her: And the rest had beere.

This examinate saith, that *William*, one of her Impes not aboue a seuenight before her apprehension, tolde her that shee shoulde be called in question, and bad her shift for her self: saying, they woulde nowe depart from her and goe vnto saint Olees vnto mother Gray, mother Toyner, or mother Barnes two daughters, but to which of them it was that they would goe shee doth not nowe remẽber: but they told her ẏ they to whõ they wẽt had hurt mẽ & womẽ to death, & seueral mẽs cattel and other thinges.

This examinat saith, ẏ about a quarter of a yere since, she wẽt vnto ẏ house of mother Ewstace to speake wᵗʰ her, at wᵗʰ time she saith, shee saw three imps wᵗʰ she had stãding in a pearthẽ pot in ẏ one side of her house next ẏ heath, & saith that one of thẽ was white, ẏ other gray, & the third blacke, & saith they were like cats. This examinat saith also, that her white spirit told her, ẏ mother Ewstace their dame, sent her impes to hurt a childe, whereof it shoulde pine and become lame, but whose childe shee remembreth not.

Also this examinate saith, ẏ vpon some conference between mother Ewstace & her, shee this examinate told mother Ewstace, ẏ mother Greuel did plague her husbãd, wherof he died, which

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was done by her spirit *Robin*: & she saith that she also told mother Ewstace, ỳ mother Greuel set her spirite *Jacke* to plague Thesto to the death: but what answere she the said mother Ewstace then made, shee nowe remembreth not.

This examinate saith, that about a yere since the said mother Grauel told her, that she had caused her impes to destroy seuerall hewinges of beere, & batches of bread, being asked where, she saith a hewe at Reades, a hewe at Carters, and a hewe of three or foure bushelles of malte at Brewles.

The said confession being made by the saide Alce in maner and forme aforesaid, I the saide Brian in the presence of the constables & other the Townesmen of Thorpe, sayde as I had seuerall tymes before vnto the sayde Alce, what a danger it was, and howe highly shee should offende God if shee shoulde charge any person with any thing vntrue, and also telled her that her saide confession should bee read agayne vnto her, willing her that if shee heard any thinge read that she knew was not true, that she should speake, and it should be amended, the which being done, shee sayde her confession was true, and the sayde Margaret and Elizabeth beeing then also called before mee, shee affirmed her confession to their faces.

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The enformation of Thomas Death & Marie his daughter, taken by me Brian Darcey eſquire, one of her Maieſties Iuſtices, the xv. day of March.

THe ſayde Thomas Death ſaith, that about two yeeres ſithence, there was a great falling out betweene this examinates wife and the ſayde Tiſly Telles, for that one George Battell hauing put a child of his to the nurſing and keeping of the ſaide Tiſley, and after he taking the ſaide childe away from her, and put the ſame to this examinates wife to be nurſed & kept, whereupon at the next meeting of the ſayde wiues, the ſaide Telles his wife chid and rayled at her, and ſaide, thou ſhalt looſe more by the hauing of it, then thou ſhalt haue for the keeping of it, & within one moneth after (as he now remembreth) he ſaith that a child of his, of the age of foure yeres, being in good liking and well, went but out of the doores into the yarde, who preſently fell downe dead, and after by helpe being brought to life, the ſaide childe was in a pitious caſe, and ſo died preſently.

This examinate ſaith, that hee had preſently after ſeuerall Swine the which did ſkippe and leape about the yarde, in a moſt ſtraunge ſorte, and then died. And he ſaith that ouer night he hau

This examinate saith, that she hauing [illegible]
sen another yeerely arriued at Yerbottery, a [illegible]
stranger which [illegible] came from [illegible]
by [illegible] where [illegible] and told [illegible] examinate
that his daughter Agnete was taken very strang-
ly, and lay in a most pitious case. Hereof he had
[illegible] by [illegible] and [illegible]
haue his opinion thereof. Whereupon this exa-
minate saith, that [illegible] and the messenger being
thereby [illegible] vnto one Peeter dwelling in Ship
Tobbie, and shewed him the same. Who [illegible] he
asked him if that his daughter were not bewitch-
ed? But [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
so farre to tell him, [illegible]
to his minde, [illegible]
of his, and asked how [illegible] [illegible]
a cunning man, telling him in what case his
daughter lay in. [illegible]
whome he knewe not, [illegible]
remembreth not, [illegible]
ferred and shewed his daughters [illegible]
This examinate saith, [illegible]
had no [illegible]
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minate sayeth, that her daughter [illegible] with in two nyghtes after the parties that had hurte his daughter shoulde appeare vnto her, and reuenge her: And her sayeth, that he himselfe did not then come home, but went to sea: But her sayeth her sent his messenger home with thinges that were to be ministred vnto his said daughter.

This examinate sayeth, that when he came home, his wife told him that the next nyght after his daughter had receyued the thinges ministred vnto her, that shee heard a noyse like a groning, and that shee did arise and went vnto her daughter, and asked her howe shee did: whereunto her daughter made answere and sayed, oh mother that you had commen a little sooner, you shoulde haue seene Celles wife and Barkers wife here standing before mee.

Marie Deach, daughter of the sayd Thomas Deach, sayeth, that about two yeeres sithence vpon a Sunday, shee was taken with an ache of nummes from her necke downe her backe all ouer: And shee sayeth, that after her mother had ministred thinges vnto her sente from a Phisition: The next nyght after shee sayeth

eth shee heard a voyce, saying vnto her, Looke vp, at which shee saieth shee lifted vp her eyes, and then did see Celles wife and Barkers wife standing before her in the same apparell that they did vsually weare. And shee this examinate sayeth, shee thought they came vnto her, but not afraide, and that they vanished away. And shee thinketh it was about midnight. And the next day after, this examinate saieth, shee amended, and was in case to arise without help, where afore two or three could scarce turne her in her bed as shee lay.

The enformation of Ioan Chefton widowe, Iohn Carter and other the inhabitantes of the Towne of Thorpe, taken before mee Brian Darcey Esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices of the peace, the xiii. day of March, against Ales Manfielde.

THe sayde Ioan saieth, that in Iune last, mother Manfielde came vnto her house and requested her to giue her Curdes, shee saith that answere was made that there was none, and so shee departed. And within a while after some of her cattell were taken lame & could not trauell to gather their meat, so that her seruants were constrained to mowe downe grasse for the

the place where they got bayes, shee sayeth, that after wardes the saide mother Wanstelde came a praying vnto her, and demaunded Carbes, and shee sayeth, that shee then telled the saide mother Wanstelde, that shee had bewitches her Cattell, and that shee then saybe vnto her, that if her Cattell did not amend and become well, shee would but see her. Whereupon shee sayeth, that her Cattell did amende, and within a very shorte while after were as well as before.

Lyndes wife sayeth, that the saybe Mother Wanstelde came vnto her, and asked her a meale of Pyese, who answered that shee had but a little, not so muche as would suckle her Calfe, whereat shee departed: and shee sayeth, that that nyght her Calfe dyed, being verye little, and xv. dayes olde.

The enformation of Iohn Carter & others of Thorpe, taken by mee Brian Darcey esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices, the xx. day of March, agaynst Margarette Grenell.

Continued in prison.

The saide Iohn sayeth, that on a tyme Margaret Grenell came vnto this examinates house,

houſe, deſiring her to haue Goodes good, which was denied her, and ſayeth that within a fewe dayes after his ſtakes were in bande with mea-ning: But of two meanings after they could make no beere, but was fayne to put the ſame to the Swill Tubbe, whiche was halfe a Seame at a meaning, & ſayeth, y the third tyme they went to Brewing with the like quantitie, and that his ſonne beeing a tall and luſtie man of the age of xvi. yeeres, was willed to take his Bowe and an arrowe, and to ſhoote to make his thaft or arrowe to ſticke in the Brewing Fatte, and that he ſhotte ſwile and couldo not make the ſame to ſtirke, but at the third time that hee ſhotte, hee made the ſame to ſticke in the meaninge Fatte, and after hee ſayeth they couldo meane as well as before.

Nicholas Strickland Butcher, ſayeth, that Margaret Greuell ſent her ſonne vnto him for a Racke of Mutton, hee hauing newely killed a Mutton, ſaying the ſame was whot and that he couldo not cutte it out, and ſayeth that hee bad him come againe in the after noone, and the Sunday after his wife ſetching Pyke for the breakefaſte of his hoge ſtakes the ſame ſtanke and was bytter: And ſayeth within fewe dayes

after his wife went to the arne her Creame that shee had gathered, and that shee was from the morning vntill tenne of the clocke in the night a Churning, and could haue no butter: the which this Examinate seeing, shee sayeth shee called his wife to powre the same Creame into a Kettle, and to set it vpon the fire, the which was done: And making a great fire vnder it, this Examinate sayeth, they could not make it to seeth ouer: Then this Examinate sayeth, that shee seeing it would not doe, shee sayeth shee tooke the Kettell off the fire, and powred the one halfe thereof into the fire, and the other halfe shee let stande in the Kettle, the which shee sayeth stancke in suche exceeding sorte, as they could not abyde in the house. And this Examinate sayeth, that the seconde time that his wife went to to churne her Creame, shee continued a churning and could haue no butter, but that it was as the other, the which shee sayeth his wife was readie enough to put it into ye Chest Chib. And after ye this Examinate saith, that the head and maister Cowe of fiue beastes did also fall vnto Calfe, and presently after fell a bandyeare, the which shee fearyng that it would haue died, saying, that he fed it and killed it.

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The enformation of Felice Okey widowe, taken by mee Brian Darcy esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices of the peace, the xxv. day of March anno 1589. Elizabeth Ewe late wife of Thomas Troslle, and that shee on a time finding the geese of Elizabeth Ewe late in her grounde, did driue them out, and that by mischaunce one of her geese was hurt: whereat the sayde Elizabeth fell out exceeding hye with this Examinate, and gaue her harde speeches, saying, that thy husbande shall not haue his health, nor that which hee hath shall not prosper so well as it hath done, and that shee also sayde, thou hast not yet so good kicke with thy goslinges, but thou shalt haue as bade: And shee sayeth that euer after that shee receiue haue any of their geese whiche shee her selfe kept: and also the same night shee sayeth, that one of her kine gaue bloud in steede of milke, and after for the space of halfe a yeare

This examinate saith, that her late husbande Thomas Troslle, was take in a strange sort, & ther-

ypned, and sayeth, that on a time as her said husbande was a working in his grounde, hee was cast amongst Bushes, and was in that case that hee could not eyther see, heare, nor speake, and his face all to be scratched: and shee sayeth, that hee beeing in that strange case, when hee came to his memorie, hee would alwayes crye out upon the sayde Elizabeth euen vnto his dying day, and would say that whereas shee the sayd Elizabeth had threatned him he was consumed, and that shee had bewitched him.

The examination of Lawrence Kempe taken before me Brian Dargey esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices, the xi. day of March, against Velley Kempe.

The sayde Lawrence sayeth, that his late wife was taken in her backe, ready in the pryuie partes of her bodye, in a deep and euill and moste strange sorte, and so continued about thee quarters of a yeere, and then died: and hee sayeth, that his said wife did tell him seuerall times that Velley Kempe the sister, had bewitched her, and that shee was the onely cause of that her sickenesse.

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This examinat saith, that his father with dyuers other came peeces before they found the said Astley his sister vpon a heath, & that she fell vpon her, & then tooke by her clothes and did beat her vpon the hippes, and other-wise in manner did misuse her greatly.

This examinat saith, that when his mise lay a trawing home, and continued so a day and a night, all the partes of her body were colde like a dead creature, and yet at her mouth did appeare her breath to goe and come: and thus she so continued in that case, vntil the said Astley came vnto her without sending for, and then sitten by the clothes and tooke her by the arme, the which they had not so soone done, but incontinently after she gasped, and neuer after drew her breath, and so dyed.

The examination and confession of Margaret Grouell, taken before mee Brian Darcy Esquire, one of her Maiesties iustices of the peace the 24. day of March.

Concerning her selfe.

This examinat saith, that she is of the age of 10. yeeres or there abouts, & being charged with the foresaide enformation and confession

made by the said Alice Mansfield against her, beleeued to be false in generall, and saith, that shee her selfe hath ten seuerall bruttings, and bakings of bread, and also swome, but shee neuer did complaine thereof, saying, that they wished her gone hence as a Rat, and then shee cared not whether shee were hanged or burnt, or what did become of her.

This examinat being asked what talking was or hath beene betweene Chelton & her, saith, on a time shee went to the said Joan Chelton to haue a penniworth of Milke, but shee would lend her none, and saith, she said that it was pitie to put her any good, saying, that the first examinat had told master Barnby howe Doggie did kill a Doe of his by the parke pale, and saith, that there was none other talking but as shee remembreth.

This examinat being vrged and sworne by Women, say, that they cannot iudge her to haue any sucked spotz vpon her body.

This examinat and the said Alice Mansfield being brought before Brian Darcey, the said Alice did affirme her confession made by her to her face to be true.

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The Examination and confession of Elizabeth Eustace, taken before mee Brian Darcey Esquire, the xxii. day of Marche.

Committed to prison.

THe said Elizabeth Eustace saith, shee is of the age of liii. yeeres or thereabouts, and denyeth the information and confession made by the said Ales Manfelde ingenerall: Or that euer shee had any Impes or Spirites laying out vpon her body: shee saith nay thing of mee: and shee beeing asked, what conference had been betweene her the e said Ales Manfelde saith, that there was none to her remembrance, other then once she went vnto her, and carried her ointment to annoynt her lanenesse that shee was troubled with, and that then there was no conference which she remembreth.

The said Ales Manfelde in my presence did affirme her confession made against the said Elizabeth to bee before her face to face.

The information of Iohn Wade, Thomas Cartwrike, Richard Harrison with seuerall others the parishioners of little Okley, taken by mee Brian Darcey Esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices the 10. day of March.

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IOhn Wade saith, that about ⁊wo moneth ſi-
thence Annis Dearo ſaide vnto him, that ſhee
was presented vnto the ſpirituall Courte for a
witch, and prayed him to be a meanes to helpe
her, that ſhe might answere the ſame when the
dayes were longer: whereunto he ſaith, that hee
told her that the Register dwelt at Colchester,
saying, it must be hee that therein may pleasure
her: whereto ſhe saide, that ſhee would goe to
Iohn Aloud of Ramsey to speake vnto him, for
that he goeth to Colchester that he might speak
to the officers for her, and ſo ſhe departed: this
examinat saith, that ſince that time hee bought
fortie sheepe and thirtie lambes of a pasture
he had at Tendring, being thereof well neere
fourescore Acres, the which hee had spared by
ſome long time, and ment the ſame to be a good
sheepes pasture, and saith, that after they had bin
there viii. or ix. dayes, hee went to see them, (ha-
ving neuertheleſſe appointed one to looke to
them:) And at his comming he found one to bee
dead, another to bee lame, another to ſit mum-
ping, and a lambe in the ſame case by it, whiche
all dies, and he founde one other with the necke
awry, which is in that case to this day, and one o-
ther whiche was to weake that it could not a-
riſe: this examinat saith, that hitherto he hath
ſpoken with others that preſented her, and hitherto ſhee the
ſaide

fathe Annis talked with him, he hath had not fewe as twentie sheepe and lambes that have died, and be lame and like to die: & hee saith, that hee hath lost of his beasts & other cattell, which have died in a strange sort.

Thomas Carthyte saith, that after a great winde & showe wet neere three yeeres sithence, there was an arme or boughe of a tree of his that was blowen downe, whereof Annis Herp had removed a peece and laid the same over a wet or durtie place to goe over, which being to this Examinat unknowen, hee tooke the same & the rest and carries it home: the which the fathe Annis knowing, that hee had carried the same away, she saw, that the church (meaning this Examinat) to a neighbour of hers had carried a way the peece of the bough that she had laied to go over, saying, that shee would bee sued with him for it. After which this Examinat saith, within three nights after, there then being a showe two of his beasts went from all the rest, where as they lay as he might well perceive by the showe, and the head Cowe fell over a great banche into a ditch on the other side, and there lay with the necke double under her, and the head under the bodie, but a litle, and he saith, he gate it home by good helpe and laied it in his barne, and saith, that he lay fourteene dayes in a

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crooking and pitteous sort, but of all that time inquire care nothing: whereupon hee saith hee tooke an axe & knocked it on the head. And also the other Cowe that was with the said Cow being a caluing in a most strange sorte died, the which this examinat saith, þ hee verily thinketh to be done by some witchery by the saide Annis Herd.

Bennet Lane wife of William Lane, saith, þ when she was a widdow, Annis Herd beeing at hes house she gaue her a pint of milke & also leaue her a dish to beare it home, the which dishe she kept a fortnight or 3. weekes, & then þ girle of the said Annis Herds came to her house on a message: & she asked the girle for the dish, & said though I gaue thy mother milk to make her a posset I gaue her not my dish, she this examinat being then a spinning: & so þ girle went home, & as it seemed told her mother, who by her sent her dish home to her, þ which girle hauing done her arrand, & being but a while gone: shee this examinat saith, she could no lõger spin nor make a thread to hold, whereat she was so greeued þ she could not spin she saith, she tooke her spindle and went to the grindstone therewith once or twise, & grownd it as smoth as she coulde thinking it might be by some ruggednesse of þ spindle that did cause her thread so breake, and so when

when she had ground it as wel as she could, she went againe to worke therewith, thinking that then it would haue done, but it would not do any better then it did before: then she saith, þ she remembred her self and tooke her spindle and put it into þ fire, & made it red hot, & then cooled it againe and went to worke, and then it wrought as well as euer it did at any time before.

This examinat saith, that an other time the saide Annis Herd owed her two pence, and the time came that shee should pay the Lordes rent, and she being a poore woman was constrained to aske her the two pence, and to borrow besides (as shee said): whereto she the saide Annis answered, that shee had paied eight or nine shillings that weeke, and shee had it not nowe: saying she should haue it the next weeke, whereto shee this Examinat saide, you must needes helpe me with it now, for this day I must pay the Lordes rent, then shee saide shee must goe borrowe it, and so went and fetched it, saying, there is your money, whereunto shee this examinat answered, and said, now I owe you a pint of milke, come for it when you will, & you shall haue it: the which she came for þ next day, & had it with þ better: this examinat saith, þ þ next day she would haue skeet her milk bowle, but it would not abide þ skeeting, but would roll as it

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the white of an egge, and the milke being on the fier to boyle leaste shee should quaile, taketh it vp and runneth, the which shee saide shee thought he might be sory of, seeing at her beeing, it was that her vessels were not sweete, whereupon the saith, she scalded her vessels, and scoured them with salt, thinking that might helpe, but it was neuer the better but as before: then she saith, shee was full of care, that shee should loose both milke and creame, then shee saith it came into her minde to approoue another way, which was, shee cooke a boyle flore and make it reeue hote, and put it into the milke in the vessels, and so into her creame: and then she saith, shee could scath her milke, sterte her creame, and make her butter in good sort as she had before.

Anon we met and Anne saith, that on a time the las Annes herd came into his house, saying, she had been at mill, and that she could get neither meale nor bread, at which her speeches hee was sorry for her sake: saith, her pitied his wife to giue her a peece of a cake: and that she he said vnto her, Annis, thou art ill thought of for witchcraft, the which she then vtterly denyed: the could of the day such thing: whereunto he saith, his wife saide shee gaue a cake of pigges: I wote not what shee saith else, but

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saying: I would some body had one or two of them, so that the said Annis said, that if a poore body should haue of them and bestow cost, & that then if they should die it would halfe vndoe thē, and said if her Landlord would giue her leaue to keepe one, she thē wished that she would giue her one of them, whereunto this examinat said, shee should haue one: But for that she came not for it, this examinat saith, that he did thinke that she cared not for it, and after a while one of her neighbours bought two of them, and within iii. or iiii. dayes after the said Annis came for one: to whom this examinat said, for ỳ they had not hard no more of her, that he thought she would haue none, and told her that he had sold two of them, and so the said Annis departed and went home.

This examinat saith, ỳ his wife the next day sent vnto the said Annis a pound of woll to be spun: and that she said to the boy that brought it, saying, can she not haue her weeders to spin the same? and that she then said to ỳ boy, your Aunt might as well giue me one of her piggs, as to spin it. and this examinat saith, that within two houres after, one of the best piggs that he had fell vpon a crying, as they stood all together before the doore in the yard, and the dell of the piggs ran away from ỳ: at the length the pig that cried followed stackering as though it were lame in the fore parts, and ỳ then he called his weeders

to see in what strange case the pig was in, and asked them what was best to doe therewith, to which some of them said, burne it, other said, cut of the eares & burn them, and so they did, & then the pig amended by & by. and within two daies after this examinats wife met with the said Annis Yerd, and shee then burdened her with that she had said to her boy: To the which ỳ said Annis made answere, ỳ she did say so: and then this examinats wife told the said Annis in what case her pig was, saying, thou saidest the other day thou hadst no skill in witcherie, his saide wife then said, I will say thou hast an vnhappie tongue. After which, this examinats wife could not mewe to haue any minke ỳ was good, so as she was full of care, saying, ỳ sometimes she put one thing into her mewing fat, sometimes an other thing to see if it could doe it any good, but shee saith, it did none: then she saith one gaue her counsell to put a hot yron into her meth fat, the which she did, and then shee could mewe as well as she did before.

Edmond Osborne and Godlife his wife, said that a litle before Christmas last past, he bought at Manitree mault, and brought it home, and said to his wife, good wife, let vs haue good drinke made of it. And the next day shee went in hand to brew the same, and when she had methed her first worte and did let it goe, that did verye

well: Then his said wife hauing occasion to send her lad to their ground, she bade the lad call at Annis Herds for iii. d. the which shee owed her for a pecke of Apples, and that the lad so did: And she answered him very short, and saide, shee had it not now, saying, she shold haue it as soone as ỳ Woolll mã came: and the lad came home, & tolde his dame what she had said. And at ỳ time, she this examinat was readie to mesh ỳ seconde time, & whẽ she had done, her mesh fat wrought vp as the fat doth when it was set a worke with good beere, and bare vp a hand breadth aboue ỳ fat, and as they thrust in a sticke or any other thing, it would blow vp and then sinked againe, then she saith, ỳ she did heat an yron redde hot, and put ỳ same into it, & it rose vp no more. And then she let goe, and then shee did scath the wort, and when it was sodden it stancke in suche sorte, as that they were compelled to put ỳ same in the swill tubbe.

Richard Harrison Clerk, person of Beamõd saith, that he and his late wife did dwell at little Okely, in a house of his said wife, & that hee the said Richard Harrison had also the personage of Okely in farme, and about Sommer was tweluemonth, he being at London his wife had a Ducke sitting on certaine eggyes vnder a Cherrie tree in a hedge, and when the laide

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Duck had hatched, his said wife did suspect one Annis Herd a light woman, and a common harlot to have stolen her ducklins, & that his said wife went unto the said Annis Herd & raced her and all too chid her, but she could get no knowledge of her ducklins, and so came home & was very angry against the said Annis, & within a short time after, the said Richard Harrison went into a chamber, and there did reade on his bookes for the space of 2. or 3. houres bidding his said wife to goe to bed to the children, and y he would come to her, and she so did: and being awhile laid downe in her bed, his wife did crie out: Oh Lord Lorde, helpe me & keepe me, and he running to her, asked her what she ailed: and she said, Oh Lord I am sore afraid, and have bin diuers times, but that I would not tell you, and said, I am in doubt husband, that ponder wicked harlot Annis Herd doth bewitch me, and y said Richard, said to his wife, I pray you be content and thinke not so, but trust in God and put your trust in him onely, and he will defend you from her, and from the Diuell himselfe also: and said moreouer, what will the people say, that I being a Preacher should haue my wife so weake in faith.

This examinat saith, y within two moneths after his said wife said vnto him, I pray you answer there was loue betweene vs, (as I hope

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there hath been for I haue v. parrie children by you I thanke God) seeke som remedie for me a-gainst yonder wicked beast (meaning the saide Annis Herd). And if you will not I will com-plaine to my father, and I thinke he will see som remedie for me, for (saith she) if I haue no reme-die, she will vtterly consume me, whereupō this examinat did exhorte his said wife as hee had be-fore, & desired her to pray to God, and ȳ he wold hang her the said Annis Herd if he could proue any such matter, and after he went to the per-sonage, and there he saith he gathered plummes: and the said Annis Herd then came to the hedge side and Antwicks wife with her, and said vnto him, I pray you giue my son plummes sir: and this examinat said vnto her, I am glad you are here you vield strumpet, saying, I do think you haue bewitched my wife, and as truly as God doth liue, if I can perceiue ȳ she be troubled any more as she hath been, I will not leaue a whole bone about thee, & besides I will seeke to haue thee hanged: and saith, he said vnto her that his wife would make her father priuie vnto it, and that then I warrant thee he will haue you hanged, for he will make good friends, & is a stout man of himselfe. and saith, ȳ then he did rehearse diuers things to her ȳ were thought she had be-witched, as Geese & Hogges, & as he was com-ming downe out of the tree, thee the said Annis

did sodenly depart from him without hauing any plummes.

This examinat saith, after which speeches soby him vsed vnto her, and before Christmas, his said wife was take sore sick, & was at many times afraid both sleeping and waking, & did call this examinat her husbande vnto her not a-bout two dayes before her death, and saide vnto him, husband, God blesse you and your children, and God send you good friends, for I must departe from you, for I am nowe vterly consumed with yonder wicked Creature; naming the saide Annis Herd, which wordes her saith were spoken by her in ye presence of John Pollin, & mother Poppe, and within two daies after his said wife departed out of this world in a perfect saith, she diuers times in her sickenesse and before, repeating these wordes, Oh Annis Herd, Annis Herd thee hath consumed me.

John Pollin saith, he was at maister Harrisons when his wife lay sicke, & neere ye departing out of this world, & that her husband gaue her good counsell for her saluation, and that she then said, O Annis Herd, Annis Herd.

Bretts wife saith, shee heard mistres Harrison say, that the said Annis Herd had consumed her euen to the death, & that she cryed out vpon her to the houre of her death.

The enformation of Annis Dowſing baſe daughter of Annis Herd, taken before mee Brian Darcey Eſquire, one of her Maieſties Iuſtices, the xviii. day of March.

THe ſaid Annis ſaith, that ſhee is of the age of vii. yeeres the Saturday before our Lady day neyt, and ſhee being aſked whether her mother had any little things, or any little imps, ſhe ſaith, that ſhe hath in one boxe ſix Anices or Blackbirds: being aſked of what colour, ſhee ſaith, they be white ſpeckled, and all blacke, and ſhe ſaith, that ſhe hath in another boxe, vi. ſpirits like Cowes (being aſked howe big) ſhee ſaith, they be as big as Rattes, & that they haue little ſhort hornes, & they lie in the boxes vpon white and blacke wooll: and ſhe ſaith, that her mother gaue vnto her one of the ſaide Cowes, whiche was called by the name of Crowe, which is of colour black & white. and ſhe ſaith, ẏ her mother gaue to her mother one of them, which ſhe called Dunne, & that is of colour red & white. And ſhe being aſked wherewithall ſhe had ſeene her mother to feed the Anices & blackbirdes, ſhe ſaith, ſhe hath ſeene her feed them ſometimes wᵗʰ wheat, barley, ſometimes wᵗʰ otes, & with breade & cheeſe, & the Cowes ẏ were like beaſts, ſometime wᵗʰ wheat ſtraw, ſometime wᵗʰ barley ſtraw, otes ſtraw, and wᵗʰ hay, & being aſked what ſhe gaue them to

drinke, ſhe ſaith, ſometimes water & ſometimes beere ſuch drinke as they drunke.

Shee this examinat ſaith, ỳ her mother ſomtimes ſeeing them the Anices and black birdes, to come about him, ſaith, that he ſaith they keepe a tuitling and tetling, and that then hee taketh them and put them into the boxes.

Shee being aſked if ſhe ſaw them ſucke vpon her mother, ſaith, that the Anices & blackbirdes haue ſucked vpon her hands, and vpon her brothers legges: being willed to ſhew the place, ſhe ſaid, here ſucked Anes, & here ſucked Anes, and heere ſucked Blackbird. And being aſked how one ſpot vpon the backe of her hands came ſo ſomewhat like the other, ſhe ſaith the ſame was burnt.

The examination and confeſſion of Annis Herd of little Okeley, taken by me Brian Darcey Eſquire, one of her Maieſties Iuſtices of the peace, the xvii. day of March.

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The ſaid Annis Herd ſaith, that ſhe told one of her neighbors that the churle (meaning Cartwright) had carried away a bough which ſhe had laid ouer a ſlowe in the high way, and ſaid that ſhe was faine to goe vp to the ancle euery ſteppe, and that ſhes ſaith hee had beene as good hee had not caried it away, for ſhe would fetch as much wood out of his fielde as that weigh

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come vnto. And she saith also that she remembreth she came vnto goodman Allsop, & telled him that she was presented into the spirituall court for a witch, & that thē she desired ỳ she might answere the same when the dayes were longer.

Also she confesseth ỳ Lannes wife gaue her a pinte of milk & lēt her a dish to carie it home in, & that she kept the dishe a fortnight or longer, & thē sent it home by her girle, & also that Lannes wife came to her for ii.d. which shee ought her.

Also she confesseth that she came to the house of her neighbour Nell, & telled him that she had bin at mille, but she could get no meale, nor yet no bread, & that he gaue her a piece of a loafe: and she confesseth the speeches that then were of the pigs: And that shee saide to ỳ boy that brought wall, ỳ his Aunt might as well haue let her haue one as Denley. She saith also, ỳ shee remēbreth ỳ she came to goodwife Osborne, & bought of her 3. perkes of apples, & confesseth ỳ shee ought vnto her iii.d. but denieth that the boye or ladde came to her for any money.

Also she remēbreth that mistres Harisō charged her to haue stollen her ducklings, & that she called her harlot & witch, & confesseth ỳ she came vnto M. Harison, he being at ỳ parsonage a gathering of plums, & that shee prayed him to giue her some plums: But denieth that she hath any imps *Aueses* or blacke birds, or any kine called

Grene of Dowe: And all & euery other thing in generall, or that shee is a witch or haue any skill therein.

The enformation of Edward Vpcher, Thomas Rice, and seueral others of the inhabitants of Walton, taken by me Brian Darcey esquire, the xxv. day of Marche.

THe said Edward saith, þ he & wife being at Colchester, this last weeke, they wēt together vnto the Gaole, to speake w Vrsley Kemp, & then entring into talke w her, saieth, he asked her if she could tell what sickenes or diseases his wife had, whervnto þ said Vrsley thē told him, þ his wife was forspokē or bewitched, he thē asked her by whom, she told him it was by a woman þ dwelt in their town, saying, that þ party hath one of her eares lesse thē þ other, & hath also a moole vnder one of her armes, and hath also in her yard a great woodstacke.

Ales Pyles saith, that shee went to the house of Joan Robinson for a pound of sope, at which time shee the saide Joan was gone from home, And saith that her maide Joan Dewet told her, that her Dame made her nose bleed, and thē called her Catte to eate þ same, saying she did marueil why her dame shoulde call the Catte to eate her blood.

Thomas Rice saith, that about fifti. dayes past,

Joan

Joan Robinson came into the house of this Examinate, and desired to borrowe a Payer, the which his wife denyed her, saying, that she was to vse it her selfe, whereat shee departed, and presently after there arose a great winde, whiche was like to haue blowen downe their house. And the next day after one of his Kine could not calue without helpe, it being drawen from her, died, and the Cowe was in danger and did hardly escape.

And sayeth also, that his wife hath a broode Goose a sitting, that hath been as good for the bringing forth of her broode as any goose in Walton, and sayeth, that sithence the said Joan was denied of the payer, the goose in the night will goe from her nest, and will not suffer his wife nor none of his folke to come neare her, but shee will flie away, so as shee hath lost two of her egges.

And sayeth also, that he thinketh the same to be done by the said Joan by some witchcraft.

Margery Carter saith that about ten yeeres past, the husbande of the sayde Joan came into this Examinates house, and requested this Examinates husbande to lyte a pasture for a Cowe, the whiche shee sayeth was denied him, with answeere that hee coulde not forbeare it for feare hee might want for his owne beastes.

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and that presently after two of his best & likliest
beasts in a strange sort brake their neckes, & saith
also y presently after this mischaunce Joans hus-
band came into this examinats husbãd Wil. Car-
ter, & said, God restore you your losse, wishing you
may passe me a rodde, the which then he did, and
then his beastes left breaking of their necks. And
saith also, y about 2. yeeres since, the said Joans
husband would have bought a house and an acre
of ground of Wil. Carter her husband, the wch hee
would not sell unto him, for y he would not have
him his neighbour. And y next day he had a faire
ambling mare, for y which he might have had 5.
li. often times. The wch mare of her selfe came in
to y stable, & presently was in a great sweat, & did
hold her tongue one of her head, & shooke & qua-
ked in a strange sort, & presently died, ere wch it
was flead, a neighbors dog came & fed of it, and
thereof presently died.

Also she saith, not above 14. daies past, the said
Joan Robinson came unto this examinats, & re-
quested to borrow a sheyer, to wch she made an-
swere y she had vowed not to lende the same: And
saith, that vpon 3. daies after, shee had one of her
best beastes dye vnder in a ditche where there was
but a litle water.

Alex Walter saith, y well nere 4. yeeres past,
the said Joan came vnto her, & requested to bye a
pig of her: wherto she saith she would lende her
one,

owe, but till yet any she would not: whereto the said Joan said ꝑ she would haue none except she did bye it, & so they parted. And presently after ꝑ sowe would not let her pigs sucke, but did bite & flye at them, as though shee had bin madde, when they had sucked aboue 7. dayes very well: & shee saith ꝑ she told of the pigs, the which Joan Robinson hearing, came vnto her, and requested to bie one of them, which she had for 3. d, and telled her that her sowe did the like, & bad her giue the milke as it came frō the Cowe and they would drinke, which shee approued, and they dranke.

This examinate saith, that two yeeres since, she going to the house of Joan Robinson, found her and her husband sitting by the fire, with whō after she had talked, Joan Robinson required to bye two pigs of her sowe that then was to pige: whereto shee said shee would see first what shee should haue her self, and would not then promise her nay. And the same night her Sowe piged two pigges in the cote where shee lay, and for the more safetie of them, she tooke a broome faggot and laid it close ouer wharte the doze, because the pigs should not come out, & saith the same night all the farey of pigs being ten, came out ouer the broome sheafe, and stoode one before an other in a tract plaine like horses in a teem, being al dead to the number of nine, & the tenth was drowned by the ponds side being about a rod frō ꝑ cote.

Allen

Allen Ducke saith, that about fiue or sixe yeeres past the saide Joan came vnto this examinate, and requested to bye a Cheese of his wife, but shee made her answere, that shee coulde sell none, yet neuertheleese shee was very desirous to haue one, the whiche shee sayeth, shee denyed her, and that shee went away in a great anger. And this examinate sayeth, that the nexte day he went with his Cart & foure horses therein to fetch a lode of corne, & that his wife & two of her children rid in the Cart. And saith, that as he went towardes the fielde he watered his horses at a ware called the Vicarage ware, whiche horses when they had drunke, he could not gette them out of the water, but was faine to wade to the forehorse head, it beeing about a yarde deepe, and to take him by the head and to lead him out. This examinate saith, that the saide Joan came vnto this examinates wife at two seuerall times to bie two pigges, whereof shee saith she was denied, & presently after he had two pigs that died. And saith, that he assuredly thinketh ỳ the saide pigs died of some witchcraft which she the saide Joan vsed, and the like for the staying of his horses being in the water.

John Harper saith, ỳ about two yeres since the said Joan Robinson came vnto this examinates house, and requested to bie a sowpigge to weane, the which was a moneth old, whereunto he told

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her he ment to weane it him selfe, and that hee woulde not let her haue it, the which being a fat and a well liking pigge aboue all the rest, the next day died.

Also this examinate saith, ỳ sithence Christmas last past, this examinates wife went vnto the sayde Joan Robinson, to pay her money shee ought vnto her for wares which shee had beeing due vpon scores: And for that she his wife would not pay her her owne reckoning, shee fell out with his wife: And presently after he had a cow that was drowned in a ditche not a foote deepe with water: Al which he supposeth was done by some witchcraft by the said Joan.

The enformation and confession of Ioan Robinson, taken by me Brian Darcey esquire, one of her Maiesties Iustices of peace, the xxv. day of March.

THe saide Joan saith, shee went to the house of T. Rice to borrowe a Peyer two dayes before a flawe of winde which was denied her: but denieth that she hath any impes or caused his calfe to die, or that she hurt her wood goose.

Also shee remembreth that her husbād wēt to Wil. carter to bie a house & an acre of groūd, & to hire a cow pasture, & to borrow a Payer of goodwife Carter. But denieth ỳ she sēt any impes to hurt any of his beasts, or his ambling mare, or caused any cow of his to be drowned. Also

with this examinate saith, that shee went to bye
a pigge of Ales Walter, but denieth that she re-
quired to bye any that was not pigged of her or
of any other at any time, & denieth that shee sent
any Impes or spirites to kill any of her pigges,
and all the other matters against her enformed
shee denieth in generall.

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The names of xiii. Witches, and those that haue beene bewitched by them.

¶ The Names of those persons that haue beene bewitched and thereof haue dyed, and by whome, and of them that haue receyued bodyly harme &c. As appeareth vpon sundrye Enformations, Examinations and Confessions, taken by the worshipfull Bryan Darcey Esquire: And by him certified at large vnto the Queenes Maiesties Iustices, of Assise of the Countie of Eller, the xxix. of Marche. 1582.

	The Witches.		
1	Ardley Kempe alias Grey	bewitched to death	Kempes Wife. Thorlowes Childe. Strattons wife.
2	Ales Newman and Ardley Kempe	bewitched to death	Letherdalles Childe and Strattons wife.
Confessed by Ardley and Elizabeth.	The sayde Ales and Ardley Kempe	bewitched	Strattons Childe, Grace Thorlowe, wherof they did languish
3	Elizabeth Bennet	bewitched to death	William Eyre and Joan his wife, and iii. of his beasts. The wife of William Willes and William Willingalle.
	Elizabeth Bennet	bewitched	William Bonners wife, John Butler, Fortunes Childe, whereof they did languish.
	Ales Newman	bewitched to death	John Johnson and his wife, and her owne husband, as it is thought.
4	Ales Hunt	bewitched to death	Rebecca Durrant, and vi. beasts of one Haywardes.
Confessed the Carrell. 5	Cysley Celles	bewitched to death	Thomas Deathes Childe.
Little Clapton.	Cysley Celles	bewitched	Rosses mayde, Mary Death wherof they did languish
Thorpe. 6	Cysley Celles and Ales Wanfielde	bewitched	Richard Rosses horse and beasts, and caused their Impes to burne a barne with much corne.
Confessed by Ales Wanfield 7	Ales Wanfielde and Wargaret Greuell.	bewitched to death	Robert Chelton and Greuell husband to Wargaret.
	Ales Wanfield and Wargaret Greuell	bewitched	the widdow Chelton and her husband v. beasts, and one bullocke, and seuerall brewinges of beere, and batches of bread.
8		bewitched	Robert Stanniuettes Childe

Thorpe.	8	Elizabeth Ewstace	bewitched to death	Robert Stammerers Childe and Thomas Crosse.
		Elizabeth Ewstace	bewitched	Robert Sanneuet vii. milch beasts, which gaue blood in steede of milke, and seuerall of his Swine dyed.
Little Oxley.	9	Annys Herd	bewitched to death	Richard Harrisons wife, and two wiues of William Dowlinge, as it is supposed.
		Annys Herde	bewitched	Cartwright two beasts, wade, three yeand lambs rr. Week, swine and pigs, Diboyne a brewing of beere, and seuerall other losses of milke and creame.
Walton.	10	Joan Robynson	bewitched beastes, horses, swine and pigs of seuerall mens.	

The sayd Oxley Kemp had foure spyrites viz. their names Tetter a hee like a gray Cat, Jack a hee like a black Cat: Pygin a hee, like a black Toad, & Tyffyn a hee, like a white Lambe. The hees were to plague to death, & the shees to punish with bodily harme, & to destroy cattell Tyffyn Oxleys white spirit did tell her alwayes (when she asked) what the other witches had done: And by her the most part were appre hended, which spirit telled her alwayes true. As is well approued by the other Witches confession.

The sayd Ales Newman had the said Oxley Kemps spirites to vse at her pleasure.

Elyzabeth Bennet had two spirits, viz. their names Buckyn, a hee like a blacke Dogg: And Lyard resembling a Lyon or Beare.

Ales hunt had two spirits lyke Coltes, the one blacke, the other white.

11 Margery Sammon had two spirites like Toads, their names Tom and Robyn.

Tyffy Telles had two spirits by seuerall names viz. Sotheons Herculus, Jack of Mercury.

Ales Manfield and Margaret Greuell had in common by agreement iiii spirits, viz. their names Robin, Jack, Grim, Pupper, alias Spa-ner, whereof two were hees, and two shees, lyke vnto black Cats.

Elizabeth Ewstace had iii. Impes or spirits, of colour white, grey and black.

Annis Herd had vi. Impes or spirites like mules and black hydes, And vi. other like Kine, of the bygnes of Rats, which spirits she fedes with wheat, barly, Otes and bread, the Kine with strew and hey.

12 Annys Glascocke Joan Pechey 13 Joan Robinson	These haue not confessed any thing touching the hauing of spirits.	
Annis Glascoke	bewitched to death	Wychell Greuens Childe. The bare Childe at Pages. William Pages Childe.